

### I BELIEVE I CAN FLY



Arik Gilbert, senior art major, gets the feel of skydiving during a demonstration Wednesday afternoon by the Student Life Center. X-Tream skydivers Kevin Nicks and Steve Vanderbaan assist Gilbert during the demonstration.

## Renaming process under way

By AARON DESLATTÉ  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The price Missouri Southern students may be asked to pay for the word "university" on their diplomas could be the loss of the word "Southern."

At its Aug. 21 meeting, Southern's Board of Regents agreed to begin preparation for submitting a request to the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) for the addition of the word "university" to Southern's name.

According to guidelines adopted by the CBHE in June, any state higher education institution seeking approval for such a name change would have to adhere to a series of premises established by the CBHE.

College officials need the CBHE's approval before a proposal would have any hope of passage in the General Assembly.

The issue which takes center stage in gaining the CBHE's endorsement is an assessment of how the name change would affect the state's higher education system, according to CBHE spokesperson Cheryl Kesel.

### The Price of Progress

At Missouri Southern, the possibility of a new name. The Chart takes a closer look at one possible repercussion, both on and off the campus.

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### ADMINISTRATION

## Blaine receives overhaul

By MARLA HINKLE  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

While summer may have been a vacation for some, it was not the case for the workers who began renovations on Blaine Hall in June.

The project, which involved extensive work in the men's residence hall, was a long time coming, according to Robert Beeler, director of the physical plant. "Blaine Hall was looking dingy, beat up, and had that dated look," he said.

The big remodeling project took all summer long, and almost everything was either repaired or replaced: new carpet and floor covering, painting of walls, ceiling and new light fixtures, reconstruction of two large areas, new offices, all new sinks, replaced showers, new ceilings in bathrooms, and still more things to be added.

### Student LifeBeat



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### Expanding Our campus

The Chart takes a closer look at the many projects, both current and future, that are part of an ever-increasing plan to help the College grow.

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Future Projects

## Construction projects span College campus

By NICK PARKER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With several construction projects in the works, the Missouri Southern community has been feeling some effects of growing pains.

Two major campus projects that began construction late last spring are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel.

The long-planned fieldhouse, Leggett & Platt Athletic Center, suffered several delays this summer due to rain, but is expected to be finished

by June 1. A cafeteria above the Student Life Center is also making headway.

Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, said the Athletic Center will be a welcome addition to both the College and the athletic departments.

"I don't know that it will definitely help us in recruiting, but we'll definitely have more kids come and look at us because of the center," he said. "We are in need of more room for our departments; we would like to hire a full-time strength coach and continue to improve our department. The Leggett & Platt Athletic Center will

provide us with space we need."

Frazier said Southern currently has 356 student-athletes, up 70 from last year.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said barring any major problems the SLC will remain open and available to students during the construction.

"Right now it's going a bit slow, but it will start to go faster soon," he said. "They did tell us that different parts of the center may have to be shut down at different times during the process. The computer lab, laundry facilities, and the aerobics rooms all

may be shut down later on for a period of time."

Tiede says the project is slated for completion by April 1.

When construction of the fieldhouse began, many Southern students found themselves without parking spaces. The construction site covered the parking lot between Young Gymnasium and Taylor Hall, leaving the College short 250 parking spots.

"I usually park down by the technology building, and it is tough to find a spot," said Jake Steel, freshman

### BUDGET/FINANCE

## Equipment funding for departments falls below requests

By GINNY DUMOND  
MANAGING EDITOR

Departmental funding allotments this year added up to less than a third of the requests made, leaving a few departments feeling the pinch.

While \$583,000 was requested from Missouri Southern's various departments, only \$160,000 was doled out by the College. This is not an unusual occurrence, according to Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president.

"The two biggest ones are prob-

ably biology and physical science," Tiede said. "We've put a special request with the state for some additional science equipment, and hopefully that will flow through the process this year."

Dr. John Messick, head of the biology department, submitted a request for \$108,000 and received \$35,000.

"I probably always submit a larger equipment request than what we'll realistically get just because if you don't get the equipment one year you'll still need it the next," Messick said. "It's good to keep it fresh in their minds."

This year the biology department hopes to purchase new lab and dissecting microscopes to replace current equipment which is up to 25 years old.

"We've certainly maintained them, but over time the mechanical parts start to wear and they won't stay in focus," he said.

Electrocardiogram equipment that is able to interface with computers and a Microscopic Imaging System are included in the budgeting request.

"Science is really driven by equipment," Messick said. "I think it's important for the students to have the best equipment they possibly can. It makes them better scientists when they leave here."

Messick said he and the physical science department head, Marion Sloan, have put together the proposal for the state for needed equipment.

Sloan, who requested \$83,000 for his department but received

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Marion Sloan  
Head physical science

\$12,000, says much of the equipment in the department is in need of replacement or is not the best technology has to offer.

"We've got stuff that came from the junior college," Sloan said.

Among the equipment physical science has requested are a Global Positioning System (which many cars and lap-top computers

are now equipped with), laboratory computers with equipment interfaces, and a Fourier Transformer that is used for compound identification.

"It's not like we're terribly unequipped, but we need to get some new equipment to drag us into the 20th century before we begin the 21st," Sloan said. □



### Automotive

Paul Mulik, Joplin, brings a bit of Mayberry nostalgia to the streets of Joplin in his Andy Griffith Show squad car replica.  
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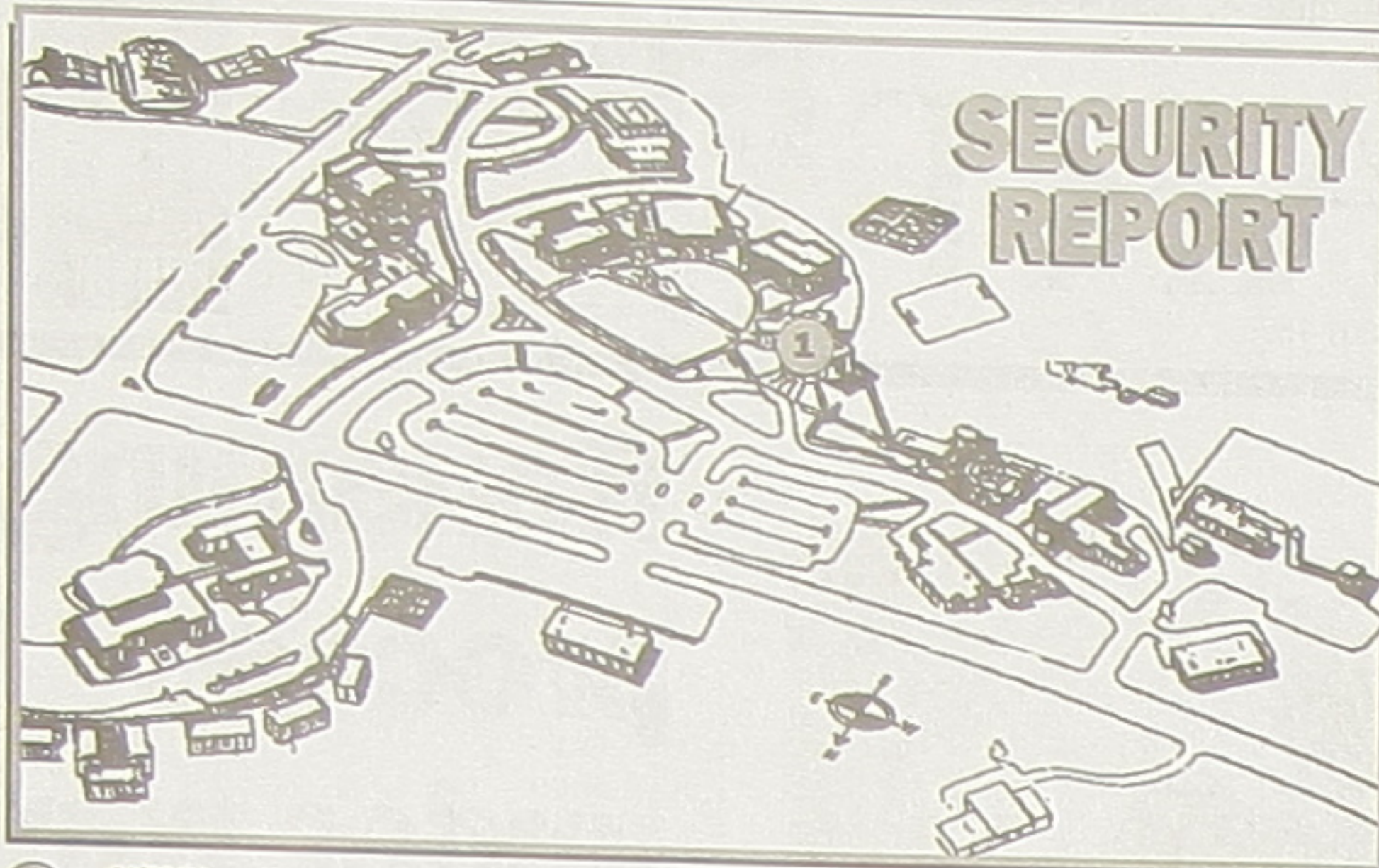
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## Ritter meets challenges

By CALE RITTER  
STAFF WRITER

Day one was quite an experience. I arrived in Ansbach by train through the help of a German girl I met on the plane to Frankfurt. Once I arrived, it was raining on and off. This would have been no problem, had I not been carrying six months' worth of luggage. I finally found a hotel that was nice and friendly, but very expensive. After a shower and a nap, I ventured through the streets in search of my first meal. I stopped at a small Turkish cafe that had the tables on the street, which was great because the rain had receded and the weather was quite pleasant. The man who owned the restaurant looked EXACTLY like the "Soup Nazi" from an episode of "Seinfeld." He was very friendly and the food was delicious, but I

still chuckled to myself.

The next day I got up early and walked to the Fachhochschule. I was to speak with the president, but he was on vacation. Instead, I spoke with Dieter Bösenecker, the dean of students. He was friendly and helpful. He and the school secretaries got me out of the hotel and into a financial school's dormitories. It only cost about \$8 per night, but I could only stay about one week, which was OK.

Right off, I made several friends, which would prove to be long-lasting. Nearly all were students. Derya, a Turkish girl who helped me through the first day, was leaving in a couple of days for a practical study much like an internship. She was going to do this in Turkey. Alex Lutz, a partial owner of his own computer and Internet business, is one of my best friends here. He helps me all he can.

I am currently staying in a student's apartment because the Fachhochschule does not yet have on-campus housing, but it is in the works. This apartment is rented by Alex Schmid, who lives here only when school is in session. This will work out great for me because it gives me time to find another place to stay come Oct. 1 when school begins. Another plus is the fact that he has everything a person needs to survive, so I haven't had to purchase many expensive items yet. I have had one great challenge,

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Cale Ritter  
Staff writer

however, and that was being allowed to stay. Before I left, the German embassy in Chicago said it was better to get a student visa and work permit once I arrived in Germany. This was definitely not the case, but through the help of another friend of mine, Matthias Huelsewig, it was possible. His father is a member of the local Lion's Club. Apparently this is an honored position which grants them friends in high places. He made a few phone calls, and it was no problem at all to get the permits. I can't thank these people enough, they have been so helpful. I feel very comfortable now in doing most things by myself. My current goals are to find living quarters for the semester and a job. □

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5 Year	6/1,363	8/235	N/A	N/A	4/487	4/1,363



## INFORMATION SERVICES

## Campus cans student e-mail services

Lack of interest prompts cancellations

By MARLA HINKLE  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Students logging on to Missouri Southern's home page to check their e-mail found the old campus e-mail replaced with a different program.

In place of the GroupWise link, there is Hotmail.com. One of the main reasons for the change is reliability, said Steve Earney, assistant vice president for

information services.

"There were a lot of problems with Web access," he said. "Students were trying to access their e-mail and the server would be down."

Due to the reliability problems and poor response from people using campus e-mail, Earney issued a memo to all faculty and staff on the matter and mentioned points that make Hotmail the preferred choice. These include: students can sign up for it anytime, it supports personal address books, is totally dependable and easy to use, the program is free, and stu-

dents may retain Hotmail upon leaving the College.

The response to GroupWise mail had been lukewarm at best, Earney said.

"Only 10 percent of students were picking up the addresses issued to them," he said. "A year or two ago, I thought everyone would be picking one up, but they didn't. There were 5,000 or 6,000 accounts never picked up, and they were just taking up space. Now we issue them on demand only."

Before, students did not have access to folders for managing mail or personal address books. One

can now acquire many addresses while meeting new people and faculty on campus.

"I continue to use both the GroupWise and Hotmail because Hotmail does not support calendars and campus address books, so I do not recommend it for faculty and staff use," Earney said.

Hotmail's home page boasts that it is the world's leading e-mail provider with more than 8 million accounts and is the fastest-growing community in the history of the Internet.

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Steve Earney  
Information services

TURN TO E-MAIL, PAGE 11

## COLLEGE FACULTY

## Retirement bug bites two instructors

Williams, Harder turn in their spurs after decades of service

By SCOTT MEEKER  
STAFF WRITER

Two members of Missouri Southern's faculty dismissed class for the final time at the end of the spring semester.

Dr. Jimmie Williams, professor of criminal justice, and Dr. Henry Harder, professor of English, chose to retire in May.

Williams, who came to Southern in 1976, taught a wide variety of courses, including loss prevention, law enforcement, and various legal courses.

"When Dr. Williams came, we had a very small faculty with a lot of classes, so he taught a little bit of everything," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of technology.

Williams was active in a number of campus and departmental committees such as promotions, student conduct, academic policies, and administrative council.

"A lot of times, people who have been here a few years think that they've paid their dues and don't have to do much anymore," Spurlin said. "But Dr. Williams stayed very, very active."

Spurlin refers to Williams as being a "student-oriented individual" whose door was always open to help with both academic and personal problems.

"He was always willing to listen and give his students the extra time that they needed," Spurlin said. "They are going to miss him tremendously."

After 28 years of teaching English at Southern, Harder said he decided the time was right to pursue his dream of obtaining a degree in law. Enrolling this fall at the University of Tulsa law school, Harder found himself back in class, only this time on the other side of the desk.

"It was funny listening to my professors give us the 'Scare the Hell Out of Them' speech on the first day," Harder said. "It was the same one I always gave to my classes."

Harder was active in the English department and on campus, serving as president of the Faculty Senate and as department head for a number of years. He cites working with his colleagues as what he will miss most about Southern.

Harder isn't certain where a degree in law might take him, but is open to possibilities.

"I could say that I'm headed for the Supreme Court," he said. "But who knows? I'll just have to wait and see how things shape up."

"Dr. Harder played a fundamental part in the way this department was run," said Dr. Dale Simpson, English department head. "He will be missed." □

## FOR LUCK



John Giles, a senior biology major at Missouri Southern, greets 2-year-old Sarah Peterson at the Kolonia barbecue on Thursday. The event attracted over 300 participants.

NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

## 2001 class adjusts to sophomore year

By GINNY DUMOND  
MANAGING EDITOR

Close down the pools, get out the rakes, and prepare for autumn. The summer's over, and a new semester has begun for members of *The Chart's* 2001 project.

Wade Early and Nann Robertson kicked off their sophomore year at Missouri Southern Aug. 24.

Early, a political science and Spanish major, spent the summer in his hometown of Laquey, Mo., as part of a last hurrah with his high school friends.

"It was supposed to be a girlfriendless summer, but one of my friends got romantically involved," Early said.

"That was a rip-off because he was the one that was all 'You have to come home and no girlfriends.' Anyway, it was supposed to be a big last summer thing, and I think it really was our last one."

Much of Early's scenery has changed

since last year. He traded in his Monaco for an Acura Integra and moved from on-campus housing into a Briarbrook apartment with roommates.

"I really like living off-campus," Early said. "It's not so hectic, so I can kick back and relax."

A downside to his new-found freedom appears to be general maintenance difficulties at his apartment.

"The shower nozzle part that makes the big stream of water into a bunch of little streams fell off yesterday. Now it's just one hard stream of water — it's very painful," he said.

Early, an honors student, is taking a full class load as well as pitching for the Lion baseball team and leading a small group in Koinonia Campus Ministry. Though his

plate may be full, Early sees the bright spots of this school year already.

"I actually really like my classes this year," he said. "I just want to let the freshmen know that the thing I really learned about classes last year was that the class really does depend on the teacher."

Robertson, a dental hygiene major, is dealing with her own struggles as she plans classes around a new husband and a combined household of six children.

"Every day I have so much going on and all I want to do is put dinner on the table," she said with a smile.

As is often the case in households like Robertson's in which both individuals are married for the second time, custody of the children is a big issue. Robertson and her husband, Tom, will be in court Wednesday to settle some final matters from her previous marriage.

"This court date has been put off three times," she said. "Hopefully, it will make

TURN TO 2001, PAGE 11



Five freshmen, a cross-section of the Missouri Southern student body, share their concerns, fears, and dreams as they move toward graduation in May 2001.

## CAMPUS VENDORS



VS.

■ Coke has won a 10-year contract with Southern.

■ Southern gets 45 percent commission.



■ Pepsi has won the Southern contract twice in the 1990s. They won't have another chance until 2008.

■ Canned soda has increased by 15 cents.

Rock n' rolla cola wars ...  
Southern can't take it anymoreBy SUSIE FRISBIE  
ARTS EDITOR

With the start of every semester, freshmen bustle to class with their Eastpacks slung over their shoulders.

As they sit down in their first college class with bottles in hand, they discover there is no food or drink permitted in the classroom.

Though the no-food-or-drink rule may not come as a surprise to veteran Southern students, the fact the bottles students are forced to discard come from the vending machines on campus

may. What may cause further blunder to the student body is that Coke machines rather than Pepsi machines now grace the campus. For at least the next 10 years Coke will be it for Southern.

Coca Cola won the bid for the Southern account earlier this year, although the switchover did not occur until mid-July.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said the process includes the College spelling out what it wants in terms of vending and athletic concessions. After an estimate is given as to the sales the previous years, the competing companies make their bid.

Dave Troop, Southern director of purchasing, said the bid process has been taking place since 1990. Throughout the decade, Pepsi has twice won the bid, but lost in January as Coke proposed a better deal.

With the new Coca Cola contract, Southern will receive a 45 percent commission.

This is a 5 percent increase over the previous Pepsi contract and the Pepsi bid.

"I think it's silly to pay more for the same amount of soda," said freshman political science major Clint Kender. "But I'm a Coke fan." □

## SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

## Board of Regents approves will settlement

The Missouri Southern Board of Regents voted at its Aug. 21 meeting to approve a settlement of the contested will of Ira Smith.

The settlement will give half the estate's contested assets to the College and half to the plaintiffs, Rockford and Tony Smith.

Southern President Julio Leon would not discuss the dollar amount of the contested portion of the will but said it was substantially less than the estate's total worth, estimated to be about \$35,000.

"The portion that was given to the College was so small it would not warrant pursuing a legal situation in the case," he said. "It was obviously best to settle."

Rockford and Tony Smith, the sons of Ira Smith, are both graduates of Southern. Roger Fisher, administrator of the estate, said he expected the settlement to be finalized within two months, and Southern won't know the dollar amount until then. □

## SI-TV to air G.E.D. preparation courses

Southern Instructional Television (SI-TV) will provide Spanish and English versions of G.E.D. preparation courses this fall.

The preparation courses will be shown in Joplin, Monett, Carthage, Neosho, Pierce City, Aurora, Marionville, and Webb City on local cable systems at 3 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning Sept. 14.

They can also be viewed on Saturdays on all of the cable systems mentioned except Joplin and Webb City.

The Saturday broadcasts at 1 p.m. begin Sept. 12 with English and Spanish versions alternating each half-hour.

The courses consist of 16 half-hour English lessons and an additional 15 in mathematics.

There are also 11 half-hour programs covering writing, social science, and science that are combined.

In addition to a Spanish version of the G.E.D. preparation, SI-TV will carry a locally produced weekly Spanish cultural program and Spanish news program originating with the Carthage Family Library Council.

The Spanish news program will air at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and the Spanish culture program at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

International news in Spanish and German is carried from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. □

## Hammons Program recruiting mentors

The Hammons Program has openings for mentors for the 1998-99 school year.

Mentors would be matched one on one with high school students.

The students that the mentors will be working with are from diverse backgrounds and are considered at-risk.

They are currently in the 11th and 12th grades and are attending Joplin High School. Working with these students will add to their experience as leaders. □

## Football games return to airwaves, Internet

Stretching from the air waves to the World Wide Web, Missouri Southern football games will be broadcast online for the second year.

Ron Fauss, marketing and promotions director, said the game can be found through the Southern home page ([www.mscc.edu](http://www.mscc.edu)).

WMBH radio, 1450 AM, will carry the Lions' broadcasts this year. □



## OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

## New name is a long-term goal

Two weeks into the semester and the name change game is already in full swing. With the word "university" barely off the lips of Missouri Southern President Julio Leon, the rumor mill is in high gear as to what the College's new name will be.

"Missouri Southern State University," one murmurs.

"Missouri International University," another chirps in.

Still a third in the know cries "George Washington Carver University" with glee.

Well, let's not change the stationery just yet. We've heard this song and dance before.

Changing Southern's name is a debate that spans back to when most of the College's current students were still on the playground getting sick on the merry-go-round.

Now they're adults and getting sick at keggers, but College officials can hardly claim to be realistically closer to university status. And it's not for lack of trying on their part.

Thanks to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education's new guidelines and interest groups representing other state universities, College administrators are staring at a mountain of red tape before the CBHE will even look at a name change proposal.

Southern has to explore the impact a name change would have on other institutions. Southern has to provide evidence of successful graduation rates, how associate programs fit in with our international mission, evidence that the distribution of degrees conferred measures up to "institutional comprehensiveness," and a mother-load of even less interesting information deemed necessary by the state higher education board.

Failure to meet these requirements in even one category and the College gets a collective "See Ya" from the CBHE and a "Wouldn't want to be ya," from our neighboring universities.

Even gaining the CBHE's endorsement doesn't guarantee the General Assembly will vote to put the "U" word on the College's letterhead.

You can bet your last cafeteria meal ticket that universities will fight the name change tooth and claw in the legislature.

And in the past few years, the Tigers and Bears have had a much louder roar in the jungles of Jefferson City than the Lions.

So, for the time being, let's keep the champaign on ice and the murmuring to a minimum, at least until we get our voices back. □

## Departments feel same old crunch

You have to hand it to the College administration. They always stay one step ahead of the game.

While Fortune 500 companies around the world are spending billions of dollars to solve the Year 2000 computer glitch, Missouri Southern's top brass already have the problem licked.

They've found out that if you keep the departments operating on equipment built before microchips were invented, you won't have to worry about any midnight shutdown.

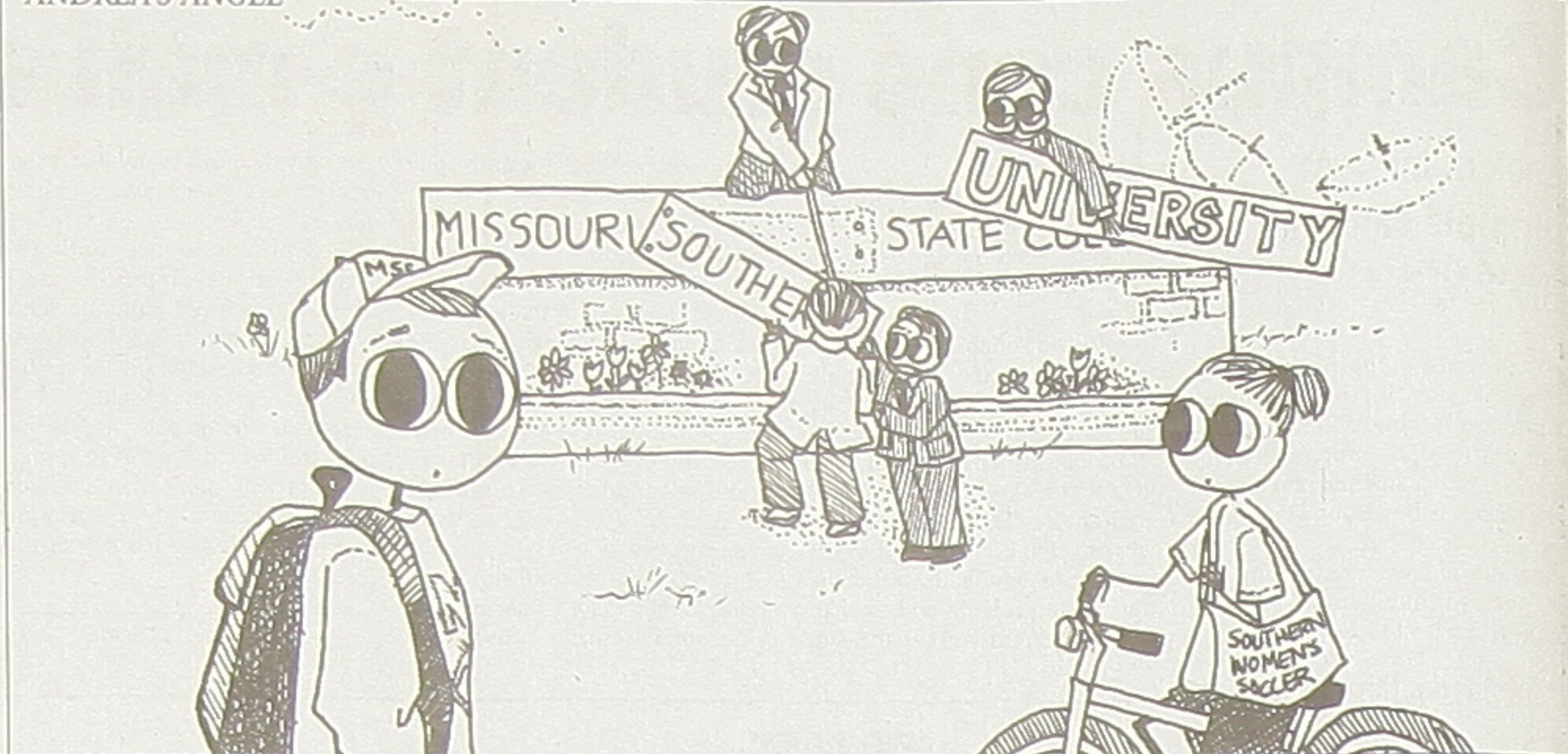
Southern's departments have traditionally been allotted a fraction of what they request for new equipment, and with the Y2K crisis on the horizon, this year will be no different.

The physical science department is still operating on equipment brought over from Joplin Junior College in 1967.

The physical science department requested \$83,000. It got \$12,000, so chemistry and physics majors will have to make do a bit longer with lab equipment that predates their instructors.

It would be easy to go medieval on administrators over the Fred Flintstone-era equipment our "State University for 21st Century" expects us to learn on. But remember, they're only looking out for our best interests. Our shortcomings are for Southern's greater good. When the world falls into technological chaos in 2000, other colleges will be begging to use our stone-age science labs in the Department that Time Forgot. Then all the educational sacrifices will be paid for in a bliss of the purposefully obsolete. □

## ANDREA'S ANGLE



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## A new look for the College's newspaper

This is it for me, the stretch run. I've finally reached that final year in the world of academia. I've also finally been given the opportunity to sit atop the ladder in the world of *The Chart*.

Over the course of the last few years I've worked with some of the best people to go through this program at Missouri Southern. I've helped, watched, and learned as the program has developed into one of the top in the nation.

I'm not trying to gloat, I'm just setting the tone.

This year is different. This year we are beginning what would be called in sports a rebuilding year. There are a few veterans, but mostly this is a youth movement.

As a matter of fact, you could compare me to Crash Davis, Kevin Costner's character in *Bull Durham*. My job, as the old guy on the team, is

to help teach and prepare the new members of the team. Please don't compare me to Susan Sarandon. I don't want to be the one who hangs around forever. Nor do I want to try to make any of them wear garters for good luck or tell them the key is to breathe through their eyelids. I'll try, however, to pass along a few tricks of the trade.

During this rebuilding year, our team has a motto: New generation, old tradition.

I'd like to take this opportunity to extend to you, our readers and patrons, a promise. We will continue in our pursuit to provide extensive and

complete coverage of the Missouri Southern community. This is a community. Many live here, many spend the majority of the days here, we all work here, and we all play here.

We will continue to bring you colorful features depicting the life and times of our students, faculty, and administrators.

We will continue to provide total coverage of Southern athletics. We will continue to report the news that affects you, the members of our community. Life has been good at *The Chart* for several years now. It will continue. *The Chart* will always try to cover every aspect of life on campus, to never leave a stone unturned.

Some changes in the look and the procedures in which *The Chart* operates may be noticeable soon. But they are all changes made to help us keep our pledge to you the readers. To cover and support our community. □



Nick Parker  
Editor-in-Chief

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Parking lots are more money for less

Adding insult to possible injury, the biggest challenge Missouri Southern students were facing in the opening weeks of the semester was where to park.

This in the light of a 200 percent increase in the mandatory parking fees they pay. Yes, administrators have worn thin the time-honored adage "Progress demands sacrifice." But from where I have to park, it doesn't look like Southern employees were asked to make any tough choices.

While there are more than 250 fewer parking spaces on campus thanks to construction, there are more faculty and staff spots. Even though freshmen enrollment is up 16 percent and commuting Franklin Technical Center students are being issued parking permits, College employees are literally gaining ground in the war for parking space supremacy without significant increases in their ranks.

The issues at hand are easily misconstrued as "growing pains" without assigning any fault. Everyone is guilty of playing some part in this hellish parking production. We all drive cars. We love our cars (most of us). So what are the

options? Carpooling? Not in this life. Sharing a ride to school with someone else requires punctuality, reliability, and the willingness to give up the solitude we find in our cars. For some, that solitude is the slipping grip they hold on sanity.

There exists an undeniable irony in the scenario.

Students are paying more money for permission to risk life and limb in the hunt for a shorter walk to class.

Parking on campus is a matter of wants vs. needs. The needs of the masses sometimes take secondary consideration to the wants of the oligarchy. The campus wants a new gymnasium. The administration wants to watch our 500 teams play in a nicer building with a greater seating capacity so crowds will look smaller sitting in them.

On the flip side, students need to park their cars.

Most students need to get to work on time after their classes. Students don't need to kill themselves trying to escape parking lot congestion.

Neither students nor the administration can persuasively claim ignorance. Returning commuters had some idea of what to expect. Southern's aristocracy also had to anticipate some cholesterol buildup in the College's arteries after the fat donations they were handed on a silver platter.

But it would be irresponsible to suggest any deliberate malfeasance on their part.

As it would be equally irresponsible to say the wrecks at the Duquesne and Newman intersection are entirely the result of students with road rage.

Could Southern's parking fiasco have been minimized with better planning? Perhaps the College's development, in relation to parking, needs a closer look. Perhaps the College's staff should be asked to share in the decathlon that has become the act of getting to class on time. That would be a sight, but I'd need binoculars to see it from where I'm parked. □



Aaron Deslatte  
Executive Editor

## IN PERSPECTIVE

## Beer has a place on the College campus

Ever Drink a Beer? This question may seem funny or even unimportant, but it is amazing just how important it is. Alcohol on campus is strictly prohibited and enforced.

Why is this? Why does the legal age of 21 seem to be irrelevant?

I am aware that alcohol seems to some as a threat, but I however don't see it as one.

Why, you might ask. Well, I'll tell you why. Because I know that it happens all over campus, and at every campus nationwide. I believe alcohol is not the great evil that so many proclaim it to be, and this is why the age of legality in most other modernized countries is 16 and 18 or even no age limit at all in others.

I believe that drinking on campus would not greatly increase crime rates or violence; I know that I have spoken for the positives of no alcohol

on campus in the past, but I meant to direct that to underage drinking. Personally, I believe that the limit of 21 in the state of Missouri is too high due to the fact that you can vote, smoke, or even die for your country at age 18.

Another problem arises when parties thrown off campus are busted by "concerned" students on campus.

Off-campus property at this time is private in this great country of ours. It is not only private property but an individual's freedom of choice, not only as a student, but as

a person to go to a party.

A problem that the so-called self-proclaimed righteous elite forget is that just because you are at a party doesn't mean that you are drinking. I know that I have personally gone to parties as a designated driver or merely to socialize with others. NOT TO DRINK. And when you have a beer or two, it doesn't mean that you are hanging over a balcony puking your guts out.

I know that this issue is on the edge and may seem offensive to a few, but it shouldn't be. It shouldn't have to be an issue at all, because we should have the choice to make our own decisions as adults and not have them made for us by others.

I hope this article doesn't offend you, but change is only made when "norms," whether right or wrong, are challenged. That is what makes this country of ours so great. □



Jesse DeGonia  
Student Senate President



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JOPLIN R-8

# Joplin freshmen invade high school

Younger students eagerly await new experiences

By ELIZABETH SCHURMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Anxiety, fear, and excitement are feelings that many freshmen at Joplin High School were experiencing their first week of school.

In May, the Joplin R-8 School Board voted to redistrict the freshmen to the high school. For one year, the eighth grade students will be the only students at Joplin Junior High. After this school year, there

will be three middle schools: the junior high, the current North Middle School, and the current South Middle School. Each middle school will consist of sixth through eighth grade students.

Many people believe the students have made the redistricting a smooth transition.

"The students have adjusted wonderfully considering all of the changes," said Principal Darrel Warren. "Teachers have had to adapt by giving up some of their classrooms and moving. We've made five lunch hours to accommodate the crowds."

The change has meant an increased workload for some district personnel.

"We've had a pretty good start," said counselor Patricia Kruse. "It's been very crowded

and extremely busy, but the kids have responded very well."

Some freshmen were leery at first, but now think the high school experience is helping them to be more involved.

"I feel like I'm getting more experience around older people, and there are more activities," said freshman Kristin Hare. "I thought I'd hate it at first, but I don't."

Brandon Nepote tends to agree with his classmate.

"It's not what I thought it would be," he said. "It's bigger and crowded, but the classes are more fun and I feel more special."

Not everyone is adjusting to the changes so well. Some upperclassmen don't like the new addition.

"I think the freshmen should go back," said senior Brandy Arft.

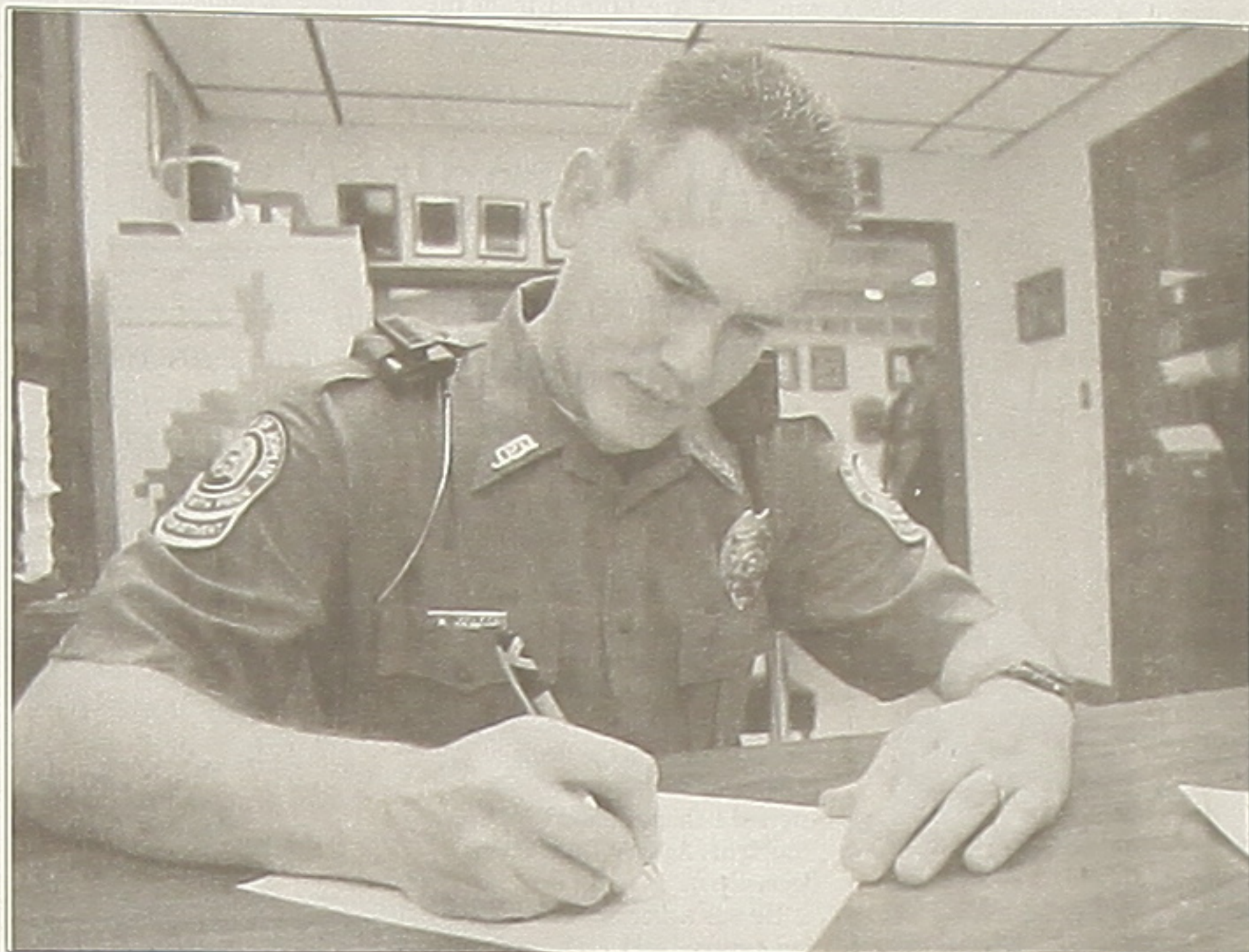
"There is no place to sit at lunch, and I am late to most of my classes because I can't get through the hallways."

One unexpected advantage has come with the Board's decision, observed teacher Janet Myers.

"We seem to be getting a lot of students enrolled from private schools," she said. "The redistricting must have made them realize that we have quality education and programs."

Other changes have occurred in the District. Park Academy, an alternative school for high-risk students, has been reopened. □

## JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Joplin patrolman Matt Cowin, a 1995 graduate of the Missouri Southern Police Academy, files a report. Police Chief Edward Dennis estimates more than half of the city's 73 officers are Southern graduates.

## Department lowers testing age

By JEFF WELLS  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Criminal justice majors and other prospective officers may benefit from a new Joplin policy that allows police prequalification testing before candidates reach the legal drinking age.

Currently, candidates have to be 21 to take the written test, the first step toward employment. All hiring requirements remain unchanged.

Police Chief Edward Dennis said, in the past, students have been unable to test before graduating. The Joplin test is usually given twice a year. The delay has meant the department has exhausted the list of prequalified candidates before testing, leaving vacancies on the roster.

"It has also become apparent to me that we have a number of people in the criminal justice program that test a lot of different places," Dennis said. "Sometimes that means we do not have a test available to them until after they have tested several places. I think we are really missing an opportunity when we don't do everything we can to establish a relationship with each individual student who might want to become a Joplin police officer."

The policy change is consistent with a department push for higher qualifications among the ranks.

"Several years ago starting with [former Police Chief David] Niebur, we have tried to promote professionalism in the department," said Sheila Maerz, city personnel director.

Maerz said increases have been made in the education and service requirements by internal policy

and recent Missouri legislation.

The list of prequalified applicants expires after one year. Dennis said to remain on the list, candidates will have to repeat the test.

"Right now we have a situation where relatively few people test, a small list qualify, and we generally run through this list in a short period of time and it takes us several months before we can test again leaving us with unfilled vacancies," he said.

Joplin's last test was April 2.

"It is obvious to me that we have a tremendous opportunity as a police department to recruit highly qualified candidates who are familiar with the area, who go to a well-regarded school, with a good police academy," Dennis said.

Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of technology, views the change as positive for Southern students.

"I am very happy," he said. "Chief Dennis said to me he realizes they have been missing out on some of our top graduates."

More than half of Joplin's current 73 officers are Southern law enforcement graduates.

"We are hoping to get some precommitments before graduation," Maerz said. "We hope to tap that market before they leave the area."

She said the city will also increase publicity before testing dates. The next testing date is Oct. 5. Applications may be filed at the personnel department at City Hall. Police representatives will also be at the criminal justice career fair on Sept. 16.

Other requirements, after successfully passing the written test, include an interview, polygraph, background check, physical agility test, and a drug test. □

## CITY OF JOPLIN

# City development focuses on theater, mall, water park

By MICHELLE CONTY  
STAFF WRITER

Tell-tale signs of development can be seen around Joplin.

One specific area is the southwest corner of Interstate 44 and Range Line Road, where asphalt and steel prepare for an outlet mall.

The first 32,000 square feet of what dentist and real estate developer Richard Joseph is calling the Silver Creek Galleria Factory

Outlet Mall is anticipated to be completed in late September or early October. Shops totaling 200,000 square feet are to cover the 165 acres. One hundred businesses are anticipated to move into the mall.

Joseph plans to begin marketing in the next couple of weeks by advertising in trade magazines. The current occupants at the corner are the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store and Microtel Inns and Suites.

"We've got a real estate company in Kansas City interested in 40 acres for a 'power center,'" he said.

Joseph said a power center is a high-traffic, high-volume shopping area similar to the area at Fourth and Range Line.

Other developments center around recreation and entertainment.

A water park could generate revenue to subsidize the operations of Joplin's current swimming pools. The possibility of closing the three existing pools in Joplin is no longer an option.

"If the city builds a water park, we would propose keeping at least two pools open if that is what the people want," said city manager Steve Lewis.

In recent polls, Joplin residents

opposed the closing of Joplin's existing pools. Reasonable water park admission is also important to Joplin residents.

Basic consensus is that if the park is too expensive, many people will not attend, especially those with large families.

Proposed prices are \$5.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children who live in Joplin. These prices are less than those proposed by consultants.

"What the [City] Council asked for, and got, was a study on the financial feasibility of a park," Lewis said.

Hollywood Theaters, a Dallas-based cinema chain, came to Joplin in 1996, and by the end of this year will dominate the market, owning all of the city's 30 theaters. Hollywood currently has more than

70 theaters and 500 screens in the West and Midwest.

"Having more screens should give them more leverage," said Tracy Bundy, director of marketing and advertising for Hollywood Theaters. "The problem is that there are so many shows out there and the studios just keep cranking them out."

The chain is currently working on a 14-screen complex under construction on Northpark Mall property east of the Sears Auto Center.

"This will be a great draw for the mall and Joplin in general," said Karen Hildebrand, marketing director for Northpark Mall. "We will have most of the first-run movies all together."

She said the multi-screen theater should be open by Thanksgiving Day. □

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### St. John's sponsors Walk for Hospice

St. John's Regional Medical Center's 16th annual Walk for Hospice will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Registration for the 5.5-mile walk will be held from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., with the walk starting at 10 a.m. The walk will begin and end at Cunningham Park, 26th and Maiden Lane.

Hospice is committed to serving those in need regardless of availability to pay.

St. John's Hospice relies on contributions, volunteers, and fund-raisers to provide the services, equipment, or medical attention needed by families under financial strain. Proceeds from the walk go to patients in the tri-state area.

More information may be obtained by contacting St. John's Hospice at 625-2329 or (800) 638-7073. □

### Crowder College receives solar donation

Crowder College's Missouri Alternative and Renewable Energy Technology Center has received a donation from Lockheed Martin Corporation to power its next solar project.

Lockheed Martin has donated several thousand solar cells to the Neosho college for use in student research projects. The company has also given the solar program seven sets of nickel hydrogen satellite batteries manufactured by Eagle Picher, Joplin, for use in applied solar research.

Crowder will compete in the World Solar Cycle Challenge in October 1999 in Australia. □

### Seasonal celebrations on tap in two local cities

Two area communities will celebrate the end of summer with weekend celebrations.

Webb City will hold the annual Mining Days festivities at King Jack Park. Among the attractions will be rides on historic trolley cars.

Pittsburg, Kan., will honor the city's southern European heritage with Little Balkan Days. □

### Quilt exhibit under way at Carthage museum

Quilt lovers will rejoice in a traveling exhibit now at Carthage's Powers Museum.

Quilts by Paul D. Pilgrim: Blending the Old & the New, will be in Carthage until Nov. 7.

The display is from the Museum of the American Quilter's Society of Paducah, Ky., the world's largest quilt museum.

The Powers Museum is at 1617 West Oak St. More information may be obtained by calling (417) 358-2667. □

### Council meeting set for Tuesday night

The next meeting of the Joplin City Council will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Council Chambers at Joplin City Hall, 303 E. Third.

Among the topics to be discussed is the hiring of a neighborhood services coordinator for the Joplin Police Department. □

### School board ponders election to cool schools

Residents of the Joplin R-8 may face a new bond issue election on April 6, 1999.

The school board is contemplating the election to raise funds to install air conditioning in all Joplin schools.

Currently only three elementary schools and Royal Heights, have air. □

## JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Increase in traffic volume cause for concern at local intersection

By KATE WALTERS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Collisions around Missouri Southern have given rise to some student concerns.

On Tuesday, Aug. 25, there were three traffic accidents between 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. near the College. All three accidents occurred at the intersection of Newman and Range Line Roads.

"Accidents are often related to traffic volume, especially on the first day of school when the traffic volume is increased over comparable periods during the summer," said Joplin Police Chief Edward Dennis. "The increased volume is likely to lead to accidents."

The first of the accidents involved Patricia Willers, Moundville. Willers tried to turn east and collided with a car driven north by

Frances Newman, Newark, Calif.

Close to 9 a.m., David B. Cox, Cassville, rear ended a car driven by Patricia Bosley, Joplin. Both cars were turning onto Newman from Range Line.

A couple of minutes after the second accident, Daren L. Jones, Florissant, rear-ended a car driven by Chris D. Gilbert, Carl Junction.

Dennis explained the reason for the increased number of accidents.

"There might be some people in those accidents who were kind of distracted thinking about going to school and not paying as much attention to what is going on as they should," he said. "Any time you put more people and more cars on the road, you have more accidents."

Some commuter students worry about driving to the College in these next few weeks.

"Around noon, traffic can get heavy and it can get kind of dangerous because people are

in a big hurry to get out of here," said Colleen Lafferty, junior English major. "Haste causes danger, especially when people aren't watching what they are doing."

A couple of students believe merely walking to class was equal to a daily brush with death.

"Any pedestrian crossing Duquesne Road takes their life into their own hands," said Shelley Perkins, senior education major.

Senior education major Bethia Scott has the same concern about crossing from the Hughes Stadium parking lot to Taylor Hall.

"It is scary," she said. "The people that pay most attention are the other students. Other cars and semis just barrel down on you."

Sarah Patterson, sophomore sociology major, experiences fear when she tries to leave or come to the College.

"I'm afraid when I pull out of the parking lot that someone will hit me," she said. "It's a lot worse at the beginning of the school year." □



JEFF WELLS/The Chart

Joplin police work an accident at the intersection of Newman and Florida.



# Federal court ruling may affect funds

## Precedent puts use of fees into question

By JEFF BILLINGTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Several Missouri Southern organizations could find themselves financially strapped if a recent court ruling dominoes into local statutes.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has made it impossible for the University of Wisconsin-Madison to allocate a student's mandatory activity fees to special interest groups.

This ruling was in favor of a lawsuit brought up by three Christian students.

They opposed the use of mandatory fees being used to sponsor 18 groups whose activities they do not support.

This ruling upholds the majority of a November 1996 decision which said this type of funding vio-

lates the students' First Amendment right to "freedom of belief."

Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said even though he is not afraid this will be a reality at Southern, it is possible.

"The law may change someday that would make it that student activity fees can't be used to fund certain organizations," he said. "The way the legislation is now, campus organizations are permitted to receive student activity fees."

Gary Crites, senior political science major and former president of the College Republicans, thinks certain groups are being pinpointed by this type of ruling.

"They are basically singling out political or religious organizations while others aren't touched," he said.

"The ruling would assume we get our money from state or government groups, but we don't. We get our funds from fund raising and Student Senate."

Carnahan said the problem many colleges have is they just give an allotted amount of funds to all student organizations without taking into account the purpose or focus of the group.

He said Southern does not practice this procedure and is cautious about which groups are allowed on campus.

"All recognized student organizations including political action groups or religious organizations have to submit a constitution as to what their purpose is, what their objectives are, and what they're trying to do," Carnahan said. "They can be denied if we feel their intentions are not going to benefit all students, and they won't become an official recognized group."

Carnahan said all group funding must be approved by the democratically chosen Student Senate.

"For organizations that request money, it's not automatic," he said. "They have to go before Student

*"The law may change someday that would make it that student activity fees can't be used to fund certain organizations."*

Doug Carnahan  
Dean of students

area. We've never used money from Missouri Southern."

Even though some special interest organizations would be spared, others would be potentially crippled by the ruling.

Carnahan said some of the groups that would be hit by a ruling like this are some of the most popular and hard working organizations at Southern.

"Several of our religious organizations are the most active groups we have on campus as far as activities and programs go," he said. □

## FRANKLIN TECHNOLOGY CENTER



JEFF BILLINGTON/The Chart

Josh Virtue, Josh Ventrano, Brandon Burton, and Bud Hogan, juniors at Sarcoxie High School, arrive to take part in classes at Missouri Southern offered in conjunction with Franklin Technology.

## Program enlightens students

By CASSIE HOMBS  
STAFF WRITER

**B**BRRRIINNNGGG!!! The alarm goes off and the typical high school student rolls over, awakening from dreams of football games, prom, and college.

Wait a minute. College? More and more high school students are taking college-credit classes. This year, thanks to the Franklin Technology Center, getting hours of college credit is becoming a possibility for more high school students than ever before.

"This is kind of like the dual credit (credit in escrow) program that many high school students take," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of technology. "Except now, this is especially for the Franklin Tech students. It gives them college credit hours along with a chance to experience a college atmosphere."

Franklin Tech students from Joplin, Webb City, and Carl Junction have formerly attended classes at the Franklin Tech building on the campus of Joplin High School for tool manufacturing and drafting classes. When Missouri Southern and Joplin High realized they were using the same

technology, they decided to combine their equipment to offer Franklin Tech students a chance at a college experience.

Students enrolled in the program earn three credit hours each semester, and the classes charge no tuition fees. Students starting the program their junior year of high school could earn 12 credit hours (almost \$900 worth of schooling) completely free of charge by the time they graduated from high school.

"This is a really big deal that we're able to do this program with Franklin Tech," Spurlin said. "It's an amazing opportunity for high school students."

No college students are integrated in these classes, but Spurlin thinks it may be a possibility for this kind of a combination in the future. Classes now have a count of about 25 each.

"It's been awesome," said Kaysee Fleming, 17, a Webb City senior enrolled in Computer Aided Drafting and Design. "I've learned so much about drafting and have had so much fun."

It may be extra work now, but students in this program will be further along in their college education than their traditional high school counterparts when they actually enroll at Southern upon graduation. □

## CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

## SADD makes return

### Students to attempt rebirth of chapter

By JANA BLANKENSHIP  
STAFF WRITER

**M**ore than a decade ago, Dusty Devillier, a former residence director for Missouri Southern, was a recovering alcoholic and addict.

Because he wanted other students to know of the damage caused by such a lifestyle, he started a chapter called SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions).

"He was a nice, thoughtful, caring person," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. "He wanted to have a positive impact on young students."

Devillier thought he would be able to make a difference in these issues because he understood the age group and mentality of Southern students.

"It makes the other students think," Carlisle said. "They're here to be challenged and hopefully to grow intellectually and mentally. Overindulgence is stupid, dangerous, expensive, and all those other bad things."

She said binge drinking is a problem at every college on a national level. Although Carlisle doesn't know of specific cases on campus, she's sure there are some.

Three students would now like the opportunity to have a positive impact on young students by reopening the chapter.

Nate Camp, senior music education major and co-president of SADD, has teamed up with Beth Cook, co-president, and Gerry Schultz, secretary, to revive the chapter up and get it in action again.

Camp said more interest than originally expected has netted the

*"There are a lot of things out there that can hurt you. We're not here to tell what's right and wrong. We just want to educate."*

Nate Camp  
Senior music education major

involvement of approximately 20-30 students.

The chapter is closely associated with the Students Against Drunk Driving organization. The only difference is that Students Against Destructive Decisions does not limit its focus to only drunk driving.

Instead, it focuses on other aspects of destructive actions such as drugs, safe sex, and alcohol.

"We think there are a lot of issues that students don't know about," Camp said.

The objective of the chapter is to educate students about the other positive choices which are available to them.

"We're trying to tell people college is a lot of fun," Camp said.

"There are a lot of things out there that can hurt you. We're not here to tell what's right and wrong. We just want to educate."

In order to reactivate the club, the officers obtained signatures from other students on campus, found an adviser, and appointed officers.

"Life is full of important decisions; make the educated one," Camp said. □

## Campus Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Jeff Billington at 625-9311.

## ZTA

■ Sorority Rush will be September 8th through the 10th. Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Sigma Alpha will be sponsoring the activities.

### Today

4  
Kappa Alpha Bid Party

### Monday

7  
Labor Day - No Classes

### Tuesday

8  
2 p.m.—  
Student Organizational Leaders In-Service Meeting, BSC Connor Ballroom

### Wednesday

8  
Noon—  
CAB Meeting, BSC Room 313, free lunch  
11 a.m.—  
President's Ice Cream Social, BSC Room 310

### Thursday

8  
9 p.m.—  
CAB Dance, Tennis Courts, Refreshments, Contests

## 88.7KXMS

## Station turns worldwide

By MATT MADURA  
STAFF WRITER

**H**elping to fulfill Missouri Southern's mission of global outreach, 88.7KXMS/Fine Arts Radio International, is reaching to an international audience via the Internet.

"This is the second largest thing to happen to the radio station since 1986 when the station first broadcast," said Jeffrey Skibbe, 88.7KXMS general manager.

Currently, the station's broadcast signal covers a 35-mile radius from the campus.

This step into the future costs the College virtually nothing and is achieved by cooperation of The NetAdvantage and the Klassix Society in exchange for program underwriting credit. The NetAdvantage is a Joplin Internet provider, and the Klassix Society is a non-profit, community-based booster organization that is supplying the computer for the dedicated server.

The technology behind the operation is called Internet broadcasting (Webcast-ing). Anyone who has a multimedia-ready computer can listen in from anywhere in the world.

"It is very important to our international mission to attract students as well as parents overseas," Skibbe said. "This is a huge change. We are part of a global network; we can bring the College to the world 24 hours a day."

On Sept. 3 in the lobby of Webster Hall auditorium, the station launched Webcast service during a dedication ceremony.

"Our station has provided classical music and public affairs programming to the Joplin region for more than 12 years," said College President Julio Leon.

"Now it can be heard around the world, an exciting addition to our international mission."

The new site can be found at [www.kxms.org](http://www.kxms.org), or at Southern's home page at [www.mssc.edu](http://www.mssc.edu) (select "Broadcast Services"). Computers will need a sound card, speakers, and software.

The station's broadcast signal will continue covering the 35-mile radius.

88.7KXMS would like to recognize Michael Hailey, who designed the logo, and Rod Surber, who maintains the College's Web site. Hailey and Surber work in the public information office. □

## CHOW LINE



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Freshman Mendy McMunn checks her student ID at the ID scanner during lunch break at the Billingsly Student Center. More than 300 students check in at lunch time.



# TITANIC

Release

## Hit movie sails onto video

By SUSIE FRISBIE  
ARTS EDITOR

"I'm here for one word, Leo."

Donna Wimp  
Blockbuster  
customer

It's the highest grossing film in history. It has won 11 Academy Awards, revived the career of a 1930s film actress, and made a 23-year-old actor a heart-throb with grown women and pre-adolescent girls.

By now if anyone doesn't know what movie this is, it's time to crawl from beneath that rock.

Though many may have thought (or hoped) the *Titanic* frenzy had passed, think again. With *Titanic*'s release day on video Tuesday, retailers are also hoping for recordbreaking sales. Joplin retailers are no exception.

"We worked really hard to get the word out, which is evident in the large numbers of preorders we've had," said Tom Hossfeld, co-owner of Action Video and Tanning, 2131 Connecticut Ave.

Hossfeld said it was unique that the number of copies the store ordered equaled the number pre-ordered.

The film hit stores Tuesday, but Joplin retailers tried to get a start on the competition by selling videos past regular store hours.

When the clock struck midnight,



Hastings employees Darin Ryan and George Esqueda unveil the *Titanic* display as customers wait to purchase the hit movie. This event marked the end of the evening's *Titanic* release party festivities.

the sale of *Titanic* was fair game.

Hastings Books Music and Video, whose regular store hours end at 11 p.m., stayed open an extra hour. Not only did customers gather to get the movie, but to enjoy a listening party that included free food provided by Cici's Pizza. To set a game of *Titanic* trivia in the mood, customers enjoyed a follow-up to the chart-breaking *Titanic* soundtrack titled *Back to Titanic*.

Debra Dumiguez, Hastings guest service manager, says the popularity of *Titanic* is twofold.

"The Leo craze coupled with the Academy Awards have both added to the hype surrounding the movie," she said.

Blockbuster Video also celebrated *Titanic*'s video release with a party extended past normal business hours.

At the Blockbuster party, customers also participated in *Titanic*

Trivia and were rewarded with free rentals and movies.

Sitting in her car with her boyfriend at 11:30 p.m., Donna Wimp has one thing in mind.

"I'm here for one word, Leo," she said.

Wimp's boyfriend, Jake Hamm, junior education major, may not agree with his girlfriend, but he has found a reason of his own to enjoy the ill-fated voyage — Kate Winslet. □



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### MUSIC DEPARTMENT

## Jazz band provides 'goodwill'

By ERIN SELLERS  
STAFF WRITER

Handel, crown jewels, and supermodels — these are all things still fresh in the minds of Missouri Southern Jazz Band members.

Southern's Jazz Band spent May 24-29 in London, England. Gov. Mel Carnahan proclaimed the Jazz Band as "Missouri's Ambassadors of Goodwill." Also, President Clinton sent the band a letter of congratulations and support.

In the four days the band spent overseas, it performed two concerts at the Fashion Cafe, the theme restaurant owned by supermodels Naomi Campbell, Elle Macpherson, and Claudia Schiffer. The band also played a concert at the Victoria Embankment Gardens. Due to repeated requests for encores, the Gardens

concert ran 27 minutes over schedule.

Band director Robert Meeks and band members spent free time exploring the London area.

Among sites the band visited were Handel's grave, Westminster Abbey, and a Shakespeare memorial.

Another highlight was a personal invitation to the Tower of London.

The Beefeater's invitation is unique because the band experienced areas of the tower never made accessible to the average visitor.

The Changing of the Keys is a historic ceremony where the tower guards lock up the queen's jewels in the Tower. It has taken place every night for 900 years, but is rarely viewed by the public.

"It is one of those experiences they will appreciate more and more as they grow older," Meeks

said.

With all the rushing around, one would wonder if jet lag was a problem.

"I went to sleep 10 minutes outside of Tulsa and I couldn't wake up," said band member Trevor Headrick.

Meeks and the band started planning the trip three years ago.

"It was a learning experience," said Lance Burnett, band member. "We were involved every step of the way."

The purpose of the trip was to educate the band in trip planning and fund raising.

"International performance is the wave of the future for bands and choirs," Meeks said. "And, future music teachers will need to know the logistics involved in overseas trip planning." □



## Third album falls short

KORN "Follow the Leader" (Immortal) — Whether trying to avoid the third album jinx that often plagues breakthrough artists or attempting to capitalize on it, Korn pumps out enough bigotry and hate to make its third album, "Follow the Leader," commercially dangerous while lacing it with enough guest appearances and catchy rhythms to secure its spot on the best-seller list for a while.

Korn's latest effort, built throughout with the same experimental guitar weirdness the band has become notorious for, packs a heavier punch than the band's sophomore effort "Life is Peachy."

The disk's opening track (which actually starts on track 13), "It's On!," sums up the attitude of the album throughout.

Hardly letting up on their listeners, Korn punishes with a maximum riffage assault heavier than the group's previous efforts. At times, Jonathan Davis' vocal mutilations grow cumbersome. Perhaps that's why the band enlisted some vocal help from rap gurus Ice Cube and Fred Durst of Limp Bizkit. They help relieve the drudgery Davis' throat antics sometimes create.

"Children of the Korn" capitalizes on Ice Cube's rhythmic superiority with Korn's ability to slam grooves down your throat. The mix is captivating.

"All in the Family" begins with promise as Davis and Durst duel for microphone duties.

The song, however, digresses into name calling and pointless profane mumblings. This track is best if you hit skip after about three minutes.

Davis reclaims his vocal mastery on "Justin" when he displays some of the rage which makes their previous albums such staples in any rebellious teenager's CD rack. The energy he can put behind his delivery makes you want to eat up every helping of tortured pain he dishes out with a spoon.

While truly a slugfest of groove, the vocals on this album seem lacking in spots compared to other efforts.

Jonathan has always blended his masterful hardcore delivery with an equally impressive ability to bring melody from chaos. That trait is in short supply on "Leader."

While an impressive follow up to "Peachy," Korn has been unable to match the tortured perfection of the group's first self-titled release. But, at least they make fun of Hansen. □



Aaron Deslatte  
Executive  
Editor

In Review

### SOUTHERN THEATRE

## Fall plays provide wide variety

### Theatre department prepares to begin the season with Tennessee Williams' classic

By JO BETH HARRIS  
STAFF WRITER

Lights; Camera; Action!

Well, maybe not camera, but there still will be plenty of action in Missouri Southern's theatre department this semester.

Starting off the fall semester is *The Glass Menagerie* a play by Tennessee Williams.

"This was his first major success," said Duane Hunt, assistant professor of theatre.

Set in St. Louis, this nostalgic drama is also called a memory play due to its autobiographical quality.

*The Glass Menagerie* explores the relationships in a fictional family, but is actually Williams looking at his own family and problems.

The main characters in the play are complex and emotional. Amanda, the mother, played by Nadine Purvis Schmidt, deals with life with two children and an absentee husband who "fell in love with long distance" while working for the phone company.

The son Tom, played by James Jordan, just wants to get away from them.

Meanwhile, Laura, played by Mariah Kissel, must deal with a physical handicap and the attentions of a gentleman caller, Jim, played by Joseph Roesel.

Tabitha Davison is *The Glass Menagerie*'s student director.

"Tabitha is a great director," Roesel said. "She is sensitive to the show and the actors, and she has a great sense of what the show needs."

*The Glass Menagerie* runs Sept. 16-19. All faculty and students may attend free of charge, but must have a reservation.

The second of three plays this semester is *Mousetrap*, a murder mystery written by Agatha Christie.

Since opening in a London theatre in 1952, the play has been seen by thousands and is the longest-running play in history.

Set in the late 1940s, the play portrays six people stranded in a snowstorm in a house with a corpse and a murderer. With a situation like this, things are bound to be lively, or not so lively, for the unfortunate victims.

Gerrie-Ellen Johnston, part-time theatre instructor, will be directing *Mousetrap*.

"Murder mysteries are my favorite thing to read, so I think this play will be a lot of fun to do," she said.

*Mousetrap* runs Oct. 14-17, again with free admission to Southern faculty and students.

The children's play for this year is *Tarradiddle World*, directed by Hunt.

Composed of four African folk tales, the play has different aspects that children can relate to and is in an improvisational style.

"The actors really create the characters in this play, and a lot of the dialogue comes out of rehearsal," Hunt said.

The play incorporates African music and several African dances with performances both Dec. 5 and Dec. 6. □

# Arts Showcase

## Arts Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Susie Frisbie at 625-9311.



■ Rebecca Koebbe will be performing her senior piano recital on September 8 at 7:30 in Webster Hall Auditorium.

Sept. 15  
7:30 p.m.—

International Film Festival begins with a showing of the Bogart, Hepburn classic *The African Queen* in Matthews Hall. Admission is \$1.50.

John & Pam Finley African Art Collection at the Spiva Art Gallery. Admission is free.

Sept. 16-19  
7:30 p.m.—

*The Glass Menagerie* Taylor Performing Arts Center Admission is \$3.00 or \$1.00 for senior citizens and high school students.

Sept. 29  
7:30 p.m.—

International Film Festival continues with a showing of the Swiss movie *Johann Who Will Be 25 in the Year 2000* in Matthews Hall. Admission is \$1.50.





JEFF BILLINGTON/The Chart

Rhuben Colverwell of Canberra, Australia, rounds up sheep with help from his sheepdog. Colverwell and his brother Ray are the third generation of their family to run their ancestral ranch, Burbong, which includes kangaroos and a display of native birds.

## Outback reflects positive view

By JEFF BILLINGTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

AUSTRALIA — Conceived in crime can describe Australia the same as conceived in liberty describes the United States.

This country of roughly 18 million people carries a distinct and colorful past highlighted by the English outcasts and felons who settled its wilderness.

Though it is uncertain when Europeans originally landed on this continent country, the native Aborigines occupied Australia for thousands of years before its discovery. During the first couple of centuries after its discovery, this continent essentially was ignored due to its extreme southern location.

But in 1770, Captain James Cook arrived and claimed what is today known as New South Wales and Queensland for Great Britain.

The next major turn of events for Australia was due to the American Revolutionary War. Great Britain's loss of American colonies gave it no place to send its criminals, thus sealing the fate of Australia. On Jan. 21, 1788, Captain Arthur Phillip arrived with 11 ships transporting about 750 convicts. These convicts included political prisoners, petty lawbreakers, and poor who had

been imprisoned due to debt.

Around 1793, free settlers also started arriving in Australia in search of land and more personal freedoms.

Great Britain's process of sending its convicts to this southern continent did not end until 1868. In that 80-year period when Australia was a penal colony, about 168,000 criminals stepped foot on its isolated shores.

Richard Spencer, instructor of criminal justice at Missouri Southern, believes this criminal history of Australia has reflected heavily on how its legal system works today.

"I thought the Australian criminal penalties are much less punitive than those in the United States, and that is at least in part due to their history as a penal colony," he said. "Especially when you talk to the police officers, they are aware that the penalties are quite light and they think it does go all the way back to its founding as a penal colony."

Those who arrived in the early days of settlement depended heavily on England for supplies, and more often than not these supplies were lacking.

In 1813, westward expansion slowly began to take hold on the conti-

ment, but eventually the explorers who discovered the vast unclaimed regions were followed by settlers and farmers who were looking to claim large tracts of land. Their search for a bountiful supply of rich farmlands became futile as they dredged deeper into the waterless desert of Queensland and the Northern Territory.

A national convention was held in 1891 to start the process to make Australia a union. Over the next 10 years much work was done to make this a reality, and on Jan. 1, 1901, Edmund Barton became the first prime minister of the Commonwealth of Australia. On May 9, the first parliament met.

The last 97 years has seen Australia fight on the side of the allies in two world wars, built up a powerful industrial background, and become one of the worlds most desirable destinations.

Heather Gray, a sophomore criminal justice major at Missouri Southern, said today's Australia was not much different from the United States.

"It's definitely one of the most Americanized places I've been," she said.

Spencer said it seemed the people of Australia are extremely open and giving in most respects.

"As a group of people, they were a very friendly and generous people," he said. "I think the police department in Sydney did many things that they certainly didn't have to. They allowed us access to the police department, they were willing to come get people when they were lost, and those kinds of things."

Spencer said Australians seem more welcoming than the citizens of other countries.

"As a whole, the people in Australia were very friendly and generous with their time and much more friendly than people in Paris, for example," he said. "If you've ever been to Paris, you'd find that they don't go much out of their way to help you. Of course, in Australia it helps that you have a common language."

Tia Strait, assistant professor of dental hygiene, said besides being friendly and helpful, there was one other thing about Australians she found positive.

"They don't generate a lot of trash," she said. "They use real forks, cloth napkins, china cups, and saucers. They're very environmentally conscious, and I was really impressed by that because they really go the extra mile not to litter and destroy their natural resources." □

## Travelers marvel over natural reef

By JEFF BILLINGTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

CAIRNS, Australia — Referred to as the ocean's playground, the Great Barrier Reef is a spot that truly can be called alive.

This natural formation of vast colors and delicate living creatures is a sight to behold. Tia Strait, assistant professor of dental hygiene at Missouri Southern, said the Reef was "absolutely awesome."

"It's just like what you see on National Geographic and the Discovery Channel, to touch it and feel it and just experience the whole thing."

Dustin Quesenberry, a senior criminal justice major, said the Great Barrier Reef was a high point of Southern's trip to Australia.

"I enjoyed snorkeling at the reef, the beautiful fish; I thought the atmosphere was great, the climate and the people," he said.

The Great Barrier Reef is the creation of living coral, which builds intricate designs and results in a natural and safe haven for fish and other sea animals to inhabit.

The animals that are found in these warm South Pacific waters include everything from a harmless sea cucumber to a deadly jelly fish.

Strait said of all the exotic colorful animals, one in particular caught her eye.

"I think the most beautiful thing I saw there of the sea creatures was the royal blue starfish," she said. "I was absolutely amazed, and there were so many of them. I think that was the most beautiful and unique thing."

Strait had the opportunity to see several other exotic sea creatures while snorkeling and scuba diving off the Reef.

"I saw a green sea turtle and I saw a stingray first hand, right in front of me, but no sharks," she said.

Because the green sea turtles that inhabit this part of the ocean are endangered, a sighting of one is considered quite rare.

Nancy Karst, assistant professor of dental hygiene, said the local climate and environment added to the splendor of the area.

"The weather was perfect and the ocean was so clear," she said. From the sky, the Great Barrier Reef emerges out of the deep blue sea in hues of turquoise and green. Some areas of the Reef have even risen high enough to become small islands resting on a coral foundation.

There are many dangers to the Great Barrier Reef posed both by man and certain natural elements. If a person barely touches a piece of coral, it can die. Even the slightest most unintentional brush against one of these living organisms can kill the delicate creatures.

The harm caused by nature comes in the shape of another life form.

The crown of thorns starfish feeds upon the coral and can devour amazing amounts of the Reef in short periods of time.

Strait said seeing the beauty of the Great Barrier Reef can get a person thinking about switching careers.

"I thought about becoming a marine biologist, changing my profession," she said. □

*"I think the most beautiful thing I saw there of the sea creatures was the royal blue starfish."*

**Tia Strait**  
Assistant professor of dental hygiene

## Metropolis revels in criminal history, current style, future endeavors

By JEFF BILLINGTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

SYDNEY, Australia — From the air, Sydney gives the same impression as any other city its size, but at ground level one discovers an intricate world of style, class, history, and the bizarre.

This city is home to 4.2 million Australians, nearly one fourth of the population of the entire nation. Sydney easily appeals to almost any person or personality.

Mandy Stark, a senior criminal justice major at Missouri Southern, said her first reaction to Sydney was one of amazement.

"My first impression was 'Wow, what a big, busy city,'" she said. "A lot of people said it was a lot like San Francisco, but I've never been there so I don't know. I was actually in awe at how fast everything was, how people were everywhere. I really liked it."

Situated on the west coast of Australia, Sydney was one of the first penal settlements. This important part of its history is still evident in even the most urban centers of the city.

Just footsteps from the 1978 New South Wales State Supreme Court skyscraper sits the oldest church in Sydney, and across the street is the Hyde Park Barracks, which housed convicts in the early days of the penal colony.

The urban terrain is littered with several parks and garden spots that are situated in the heart of the city, including Hyde Park in the middle of the Sydney business district. The Domain has rugby and cricket fields open for public use, and the Royal Botanic Gardens works to preserve the natural habitat and to educate people on horticulture while providing a peaceful and beautiful spot for walking or jogging.



JEFF BILLINGTON/The Chart

Viewed from the Royal Botanical Gardens are the three R's which the citizens of Sydney describe as our harbor, our bridge, and our opera house.

The people of Sydney also have what they call the three Rs: our harbor, our bridge, and our opera house.

Sydney Harbor, which the city has evolved around, is a major trade route for the country as a whole. It adds a splendor and romantic sea angle to the city.

Sydney Harbor Bridge is a tall, majestic bridge that crosses Sydney Harbor. Built in 1932, the bridge connects North Sydney to the rest of the city. On calm days pedestrians have the option to walk over the arch of the bridge.

One of the most famous of Sydney's landmarks is the Sydney Opera House, which was completed in 1973 for use for concerts, operas, and theater performances. The white concrete shells were designed to resemble billowing sails.

Dustin Quesenberry, a senior criminal justice major, said Sydney's low crime rate was something that amazed him.

"It was a city the size of Chicago, yet it had about the same amount of crime as Joplin," he said.

The many subdivisions of Sydney also seem to have characteristics of their own.

The Rocks, named after the huge boulders that once were plentiful in the area, contains the actual landing spot for the first convicts of 1788. It also contains a rich array of elegant European architecture and beautiful views of the nearby harbor.

Darling Harbor is a haven for museums and entertainment centers from the Star City Casino to the Sydney Aquarium. And then, of course, there is Kings X, the city's home for strip clubs, prostitutes, and drug dealers.

Sydney also contains an array of the most stylish shops and department stores, including David Jones and Gucci.

Currently the city of Sydney is seeing some major construction work in preparation for the 2000 Olympic Games to be held in the Homebush subdivision.

"I liked Sydney," Stark said. "I liked the climate; I liked the people; I liked about everything." □

## First city retains past life

By JEFF BILLINGTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

SYDNEY, Australia — Today it is a sprawling metropolis, but Sydney, Australia, has not always been quite so cosmopolitan.

Just over 200 years ago it was little more than a sparse forest with a variety of strange animals who carried their young in pouches.

On Jan. 21, 1788, Captain Arthur Phillip arrived with 11 ships carrying 1,500 people, 750 of them being convicts and 250 marines who acted as guards.

This start did not give Australia a diverse or well-suited population. Almost all of its new inhabitants were men, and almost all had committed crimes such as theft.

Soon after arriving, nine ships returned to England leaving just two ships for the 1,000 people in the new settlement. Of the two ships left for the settlement, one was sent to Africa to bring back supplies. It sank on the way, pulling down the hopes of this new settlement even more.

The cold reality of this new colony was evident when the first person was executed only three weeks after the fleet arrived. James Barrett, a 17-year-old convicted thief, was caught stealing food out of a government store. The new Gov. Phillip sentenced him to die by hanging for his crime.

In 1790, a second fleet arrived. Instead of bringing supplies for the settlement, it brought more sick and dying convicts.

Over the next few years the settlement hit many hardships, but Phillip's persistence and leadership skills kept the colony alive.

Dustin Quesenberry, a senior criminal justice major at Missouri Southern, said this criminal past of the city helped it to become what it is today.

"The way the city was founded and the way it developed and evolved definitely played a major factor in the way their crime ratio is and the way things are done today," he said. "Basically everything is accepted there. There's not a lot of rejection."

Another facet of this early colony was religious preference. The only church was the Church of England, so if one was Roman Catholic or Jewish, he or she was left without a place of worship.

Sitting in the center of the Hyde Park Barracks and the St. James Church is a monument named in honor of English royalty. Queens Square is dedicated to Queen Victoria, whose 1901 death coincides with Australia's commonwealth status.

Sydney has remained safe from invaders with the exception of World War II when the Japanese flew into Sydney Harbor shelling and killing Australian soldiers stationed at the naval dockyards of Woolloomooloo Bay.

Mandy Stark, a senior criminal justice major, thinks this colorful history has made Australians what they are today.

"I think that's what kind of keeps them down to earth," she said. □



“It was a new frontier for them. They felt like pioneers and they didn't know what to do.”

## South Pacific travels expand group's minds

By JEFF BILLINGTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

SYDNEY, Australia — An educational holiday down under was the destination for 29 Missouri Southern students and faculty this summer. The trip, sponsored by Southern's criminal justice department, was originally designed to educate students on how the justice system works in other parts of the world. Over the months which followed the announcement of the planned excursion, the range of the purpose of the trip broadened.

Members of the May 24 to June 6 trek to the outback included: Tia Strait, assistant professor of dental hygiene; Nancy Karst, assistant professor of dental hygiene; Robert Terry, head of the criminal justice department; Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology; Richard Spencer, instructor of criminal justice; Dr. Jimmie Williams, professor of criminal justice; Sean Bryant, Julie Chapman, Kenny Dean, Lisa Hart, Greg Mitchell, Dustin Quesenberry, Angela Scott, Mandy Stark, Ben Michel, Todd Hawkins, Eric McAffrey, Nova Proves, Cassandra Taylor, and Troy Wade, senior criminal justice majors; Valerie Butler, senior mass communications major; Aaron Candler, junior criminal justice major; Chrystal Dean, Heather Gray, and Nathan Leenerts, sophomore criminal justice majors; Katherine Ray-Decker, senior criminal justice and sociology major; Virginia Lamb, a Joplin parole and probation officer; and Kristine Rojas, junior psychology major.

Strait said her department stepped into the trip after a conversation with Williams.

"The opportunity came up when Dr. Williams told Mrs. Karst and I that they were going to Australia," she said. "I said well we've got students who are thinking about going over there, and he said why don't you go."

Strait said the dental hygiene department wanted to go to Australia as more of a fact-finding mission than as an educational excursion.

"We went to Australia basically because we have students who have been actively recruited by Australia and the students were kind of apprehensive about working over there," she said. "It was a new frontier for them, they felt like pioneers and they didn't know what to do. So we really went over there to see what was available for employment opportunities."

Karst said they did some preparation work before going to Australia.

"We got on the net to see what we could find out before we went, so we could have some idea where we wanted to go, what avenues we wanted to follow," she said.

Karst said since they had an itinerary of their own, they split from the main group for part of the trip and traveled to destinations in connection with their personal mission.

Other departments were also invited to travel down under with the criminal justice department, and in the end the trip also included people from the fields of sociology, psychology, and communications.

Even with the new wider scope the trip took on, it still held a heavy focus on the criminal justice aspects of the trip.

Spencer said the aspects of the trip related to his department were quite varied yet all connected.



JEFF BILLINGTON/The Chart

Mandy Stark, senior criminal justice major at Missouri Southern, and Ben Michel, senior criminal justice major, help to raise the sails of the R.M.S. Bounty during a trip in the Sydney Cove in May.

"The purpose of the trip for those who were enrolled in the criminal justice class was to look at the justice system in Australia, to look at the police system, the court system, to look at the training of police officers, to interact with justice system personnel, and to look at the history of Australia, since it was founded initially as a penal colony, and with those kinds of issues," he said.

Quesenberry said it was these aspects which meant the most to him.

"The part that I found the neatest was that the trip gave me an opportunity to experience the justice systems across the globe," he said. "I just thought it was a good opportunity that's going to be with me for the rest of my life."

The in-depth look at the Australian justice system included private touring of the New South Wales police station at Surry Hills, and a large amount of interaction with the members of the New South Wales Police Service.

There was also a tour of the Tasmania Police Academy and a trip to Port Arthur.

This site of the old penal colony prison gives an example of how prisoners were formerly handled.

The trip also included a visit to the New South Wales Supreme Court to observe a legal case. □

## Gay rights observed

By JEFF BILLINGTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

SYDNEY, Australia — Every February, Sydney, Australia, is home to a parade that is an exciting and wild exhibition of exotic floats, clothing, and relationships.

The parade, which trails down Oxford Street, is the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade. The colorful extravaganza supports gay pride, provides AIDS awareness, and supports putting an end to hate crimes and discrimination. This large-scale activity seems to exemplify the fact that Australia, and particularly Sydney, is an accepting place that does not reject people because of their lifestyles.

Richard Spencer, instructor of criminal justice at Missouri Southern, said the acceptance Australians have toward gays and lesbians was unexpected.

Spencer said it is typically seen worldwide that the United States is more open to these types of relationships.

"But my experience found them (Australians) far more progressive, particularly the police department where they had a lot of programs designed to bring gay officers in and to effectively respond to problems in the gay community," he said.

"Most of the officers you talk to are very accepting of it. Of course, you have a city that's 40 percent gay; it's a fact of life at that point," he said.

Sydney has not always been this friendly to people of same sex orientations. In the recent past there were sodomy laws prohibiting homosexual relationships. Just 20 years ago, the local police force was instructed to beat anyone engaged in these so-called unhealthy lifestyles.

Today, several members of the Sydney Police Department are openly homosexual. The Surry Hills division, which contains Oxford Park where the Mardi Gras Parade takes place, even has a special gay and lesbian liaison officer. □

## A beer with...anything

By JEFF BILLINGTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

SYDNEY, Australia — A schooner of beer with dinner or stopping by the pub after work are almost as typical in Australia as eating popcorn at the movies in the United States.

This typically light, amber-colored ale seems to be an everyday facet in the lives of the typical Australian.

A 90-year-old Australian grandmother can down a schooner of Victoria Bitter just as quick as her 18-year-old grandson, proving without a doubt this is a country that loves its beer.

Dustin Quesenberry, a senior criminal justice major at Missouri Southern, said it appeared to him that drinking beer is the norm in Australia.

"It's viewed as something everybody does and not something everybody shouldn't do," he said.

Heather Gray, a sophomore criminal justice major, said Australians seem to be more tolerant of alcohol than Americans.

"I've always known Americans can't handle beer like other countries," she said.

The Sydney suburb the Rocks is dotted with small pubs of all shapes and sizes, but the most common style of pub appears to be of the old English variety. Everything from American Budweiser and Miller to Irish Guinness and Australian Victoria Bitter and Tooheys is served.

Traveling down Argyle Street a bit, one finds the Lord Nelson Hotel, Sydney's oldest-operating hotel. The big pub downstairs seems to be the star attraction.

The Lord Nelson is a micro-brewery.

The patrons of these establishments range from 18-year-old tourists to those 90-year-old grandmothers stopping in before they go shopping. Kathy Tanny, a bartender at the Lord Nelson Hotel, said the majority of the customers she sees are tourists.

"We get heaps of tourists," she said. "We don't usually get many locals. I enjoy meeting everyone and hearing their stories." □

## A walk through Van Dieman's Land

Once-feared prison offers chilling reminder of outback justice

By JEFF BILLINGTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

TASMANIA, Australia — Following the narrow and winding country roads through the island of Tasmania can lead to the once feared Port Arthur.

While convicts had been sent to Australia for several years prior to the opening of Port Arthur, this prison proved to be one of the most famous of Great Britain's penal system.

Heather Gray, a sophomore criminal justice major at Missouri Southern, said it seemed the punishment was worse than the crime in many cases at Port Arthur.

"It's funny how harsh it was," she said.

Port Arthur came into existence in 1830 as a sawing station that produced timber for government work. It was to serve as a punishment facility for repeat offenders and some of Great Britain's political prisoners.

In the mid 1830s, an addition was made across the bay from Port Arthur to hold boy convicts, including space for boys as young as 7.

Port Arthur proved to be a self-sufficient facility, with the convicts producing everything from ships,

clothing, boots, and shoes to bricks, furniture, and vegetables.

While Port Arthur was functioning, 11 escapees' final whereabouts were never determined. The number was reduced to 10 in the 1920s

when a hunting party came upon a deep ravine and found the remains of a man with scraps of a prison uniform still on his skeleton.

Several other escape attempts challenged the Port Arthur staff. Three convicts once escaped and were at large for several months working as bushrangers before being captured.

On another occasion, eight convicts made off with the commandant's whale boat and remained at large for eight months.

One failed escape that stands out is that of Billy Hunt, who draped himself with a kangaroo carcass

and attempted to hop past the guards.

The guards saw this kangaroo and decided to make a meal of him. Hunt had to show himself in order to keep from being shot.

In 1853, Great Britain stopped sending convicts to what then was called Van Dieman's Land, now called Tasmania. The prison stayed open only for the already incarcerated criminals, the mentally ill, and the poor. The settlement closed for good in 1877.

Mandy Stark, a senior criminal justice major, said even though the settlement has been closed 121 years, there are still things that seem to keep it alive.

"It was just really interesting when you hear the stories," she said.

From 1830 to 1877, approximately 12,700 convicts were sent to Port Arthur.

In the latter part of the 19th century, several bush fires gutted the buildings at Port Arthur. A renewal project started in the 1970s has worked to stabilize the ruins as a historic site revealing Australia's convict past. □



JEFF BILLINGTON/The Chart

Troy Wade, senior criminal justice major, walks through the grounds of the feared Port Arthur prison.



## Under The Hood



By Brin Cavan  
Automotive Editor

### Generic car has haughty 'le moteur'

I would like to vote for more truth in advertising where automobiles are concerned. When I buy a used automobile, it should be clearly labeled.

First of all, they should replace "Sold AS IS" with big lemon-shaped decals to be more accurately truthful.

"Sold AS IS" is really an acronym for "Sold to A Sucker cuz' It Stinks."

You know what I'm talking about. Admit it. We have all been there before. You take your chances and hope for the best and are rudely awakened upon learning the truth.

Recently I have developed new insight concerning "hybrid" cars, like the Fords with Mazda engines, or the Dodges with Renault engines.

They are a serious source of exasperation.

You buy a pre-owned Dodge because it is a domestic car.

With this car you will have easy access to parts and possibly less expense. Right? That is the rationale for buying such a generic car. There is some logic in the concept.

Then you find out your sweet little Dodge has a haughty French Renault engine with replacement parts made in an obscure part of French-speaking West Africa.

This is an area desperately in need of clear, concise, truthful labeling.

If you buy French chocolates, the box says *les chocolats* and explains how the taste is "to die for." When you purchase French wine, the label says *le vin* and illustrates how the grapes were stomped only by native French feet.

Therefore, if you have a Dodge with a French engine, why doesn't it say *le moteur*?

As part of this campaign, these high-brow hybrids need to have a detailed schematic showing laymen which parts are domestic and which parts are from another planet.

When it took 12 days to get the correct radiator fan for my Dodge, I asked the serviceman if the fan assembly was a Renault part or a Dodge part.

"Actually," he said, "the assembly is a Chevrolet part."

SACRE BLEU! What do I do?

With some parts Renault, some parts Dodge, and others Chevrolet, I will need the biblical wisdom of King Solomon to decide whether or not to cut the car in half! □

## AUTOMOTIVE FOCUS

# Mulik revels in Mayberry memories

By BRIAN WIRTH  
STAFF WRITER

Look out folks, Barney Fife is patrolling the streets of Joplin, or one might think that when seeing Paul Mulik driving around.

A 1988 graduate of Missouri Southern, he owns a nearly accurate replica of the police car used in "The Andy Griffith Show." Mulik found the car, a 1963 Ford Galaxy 500, at a used car dealership in Joplin.

"I was very pleased with the condition of the car when I found it," Mulik said. "Everything on the car is original except for the paint on the door and the accessories."

The original patrol car on the show was a regular Ford Galaxy. Mulik's Galaxy 500 is similar to the original, but with more chrome and details.

To obtain all the accessories needed to complete the car, he used several different sources. The spotlight mounted on the hood was a donation from Empire District Electric. The red rotary light on top of the car was found in Arizona through classified ads in a car restoration newsletter. The police siren was found in a salvage yard in Noel. Mulik took a picture of the original car from the show to get the Mayberry sheriff decal for the door. A Joplin print shop made the finished product.

"It took me approximately two months to find all the accessories that were needed," Mulik said.

After collecting all the accessories, he took the car to C&V



Paul Mulik of Joplin patrols the streets of Joplin in his Andy Griffith® Show squad car replica, a fully restored and accessorized Ford Galaxy 500.

Classic Restorations in Webb City where the accessories were put on and the door was painted white to match the original.

"I thought it was a little unusual at first, but it turned out to be a pretty slick-looking car," said Steve Van Slyke, the mechanic who worked on Mulik's car. "It only took about a week to complete."

For the finishing touches, Mulik had a personalized license plate made with the original numbers

and letters off the car used in the TV show. He has entered the patrol car in a few car shows, but has yet to win. He recently entered the car in an all-police car show.

"My car was viewed more as a novelty item at that show," Mulik said. "The judges were looking more for original police cars, which mine is not."

Aside from the car shows, he has also taken the car to the Mayberry Squad Car Rendezvous in Bradford, Ohio, where many other

people with cars similar to Mulik's congregate. He has also entered the car in parades in Independence and Seneca.

Mulik enjoys cars, but his first love is "The Andy Griffith Show." A member of The Andy Griffith Show Rerun Watchers Club, he stays active in this club by chatting with other club members over the Internet. Mulik has met every cast member of the show still living except for Andy Griffith and Ron Howard.

"I have a room at my home that is dedicated to the show," he said. "I have autographed pictures all over the walls along with other show-related items."

Mulik has even written a book, yet to be published, full of "Andy Griffith Show" trivia.

His love for "The Andy Griffith Show" reflects in the great care taken of the patrol car.

"I was really pleased with how the car turned out, and it definitely turns a lot of heads," Mulik said. □

## CONSUMER'S CORNER

# Buying a good car takes some detective work

Prospective buyers can avoid confusion and cost by looking for specific hints to future vehicle failure

By BRIN CAVAN  
AUTOMOTIVE EDITOR

The tales of horror are too numerous to name — a used car buyer with sawdust in the transmission; one with no engine oil, only STP; a bevy of buyers with "misplaced" dash warning light bulbs; and an all-time favorite, a differential with a mixture of bananas and sawdust in it.

What can buyers do to protect themselves from these lemons? Frank Frazier, auto tech professor at Franklin Technology Center in Joplin, said there are a number of ways a prospective buyer can prevent a potential bad investment.

"Buying a car is like being a detective anymore," he said.

He suggests these ideas for starters:

### BEFORE YOU DRIVE:

- Check oil dipstick — is it full? Does it have a bad smell?
- Is there an excessive amount of oil on the engine?
- Are there any unusual leaks?
- Check radiator cap for rust.
- Look down the side of the car. Is it even, or does it gap some? Could it have been wrecked and repaired?
- If there is a question as to the actual mileage, check for pedal wear to gauge the car's life more accurately.

- Are there fresh scrape marks under the front edges of the car or bumper? This could suggest possible suspension problems because the car is "bottoming out" when you hit the brakes at a curb.
- Are the floorboards rusted, or is there rust underneath? Just because you are buying the car here doesn't mean it has not been driven in areas where the roads were salted in winter. This can cause a great deal of damage to the car's undercarriage.

### WHEN YOU DRIVE:

- Leave the radio off when you test drive a car. Listen for unusual noises, knocks, rattles, or clanks.
- When you step on the brakes, they should be firm, not spongy or mushy.
- In winter, don't forget to check the air conditioning. Is air coming from all the prescribed outlets, and does air flow from the correct outlets as you change to defrost, air, etc.
- Let go of the steering wheel. Does it pull to one side?

### WITH A FRIEND:

- Have someone help you check headlights, brake lights, and turn signals.
- Have a friend drive behind you. Does the car drive straight? Does it smoke? Does it seem to pull to one side?

AFTER you drive:

- Check again for leaks or excessive oil in, on, or around the engine and head.
- If purchasing from a car lot, ask if you may talk to the previous owner.

Frazier said asking to talk to the previous owner is always a good idea. If the car has problems, the salesman may be reluctant to give you the information. If the car is fine, he should not have a problem with the request.

Joe Taylor, 15th Street Auto service manager, has some additional suggestions when purchasing a car.

He said it is important to note if the seller has been conscientious about changing all the different fluids in the car, including engine oil, coolant, power steering fluid, transmission fluid, and brake fluid.

"A car's fluids are the lifeblood of the vehicle and the systems they operate," Taylor said.

### HE SUGGESTS:

- In addition to checking the oil dipstick and looking for excessive oil, also check the oil filter cap. The seller may have cleaned the engine, but the filter cap will have telltale signs of sludge.
- Always check the coolant overflow tank to be sure it is at the proper level. Check to see if it smells swampy or fetid.
- When checking the transmission fluid, look for a soapy or varnish smell. This can indicate a transmission that possibly has been overworked or overheated.
- If you notice mud or grass high up in the engine, this may have been a flood-damaged car. If you look carefully up under the dash,

you may see further indicators.

- Never go shopping for a car when it is raining. You miss the details like small dents or paint chips with another color. If it has been painted, it may have been in an accident.

- Ask for a maintenance record. There is nothing like a good record to show that the auto has been properly maintained.

With all these suggestions, when seriously considering a used car purchase, it is still advisable to take the potential buy to a trusted mechanic who can check the car thoroughly with specialized equipment.

"A car owner needs to establish a good relationship with an auto repair shop before you have a problem," said Jeannie George, who owns 15th Street Auto with her husband, Warner. "It's like finding a family doctor before you need him. Ask your minister, your neighbors, and your friends whom they use."

15th Street Auto, which specializes in domestic car repairs (1987 and newer), has three different levels of checks for the used car buyer. A customer can get a basic check to the most extensive diagnostic. Many reputable mechanics currently offer this type of service.

"When buying a used car, look beyond the cosmetic package," Frazier said. "Cosmetically, it may look great, but it may not be mechanically sound."

Taylor sums that up with his own twist. "Just because it looks like a duck, waddles, and has webbed feet, it may not be a duck; it may be a platypus," he said. □

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STUDENT SENATE

# Senate V.P. resigns position

By JEFF WELLS  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Filling the vacant office of vice president will be the first business facing the 1998-99 edition of the Missouri Southern Student Senate.

Jason Hogan, elected to the office in May, will not serve his term. Hogan, a senior marketing major, will graduate in December.

"I decided to let someone who will

be here all year have a chance."

The Senate Constitution requires a student carry a full load while serving. Hogan needed only six hours to graduate.

The possibility still existed for Hogan to serve.

Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said similar policies are waived elsewhere on campus when applied to seniors taking only the hours needed.

"Any other activity he would still

be eligible," Carnahan said. "I felt that would apply to him, too."

"Maybe that is something that we need to add to the Constitution," Carnahan said. "We will have the Senate discuss that."

President Jessie DeGonia plans to nominate Amy Graves, senior biology major, if she is elected to the Senate.

"She's a leader on campus," DeGonia said, "I know she can handle the responsibility."

# E-MAIL: College cancels services, recommends Hotmail

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The e-mail service provides graphic content with links to other Web pages and is geared toward novice and experienced users. Hotmail can send live hyper-text links, whole Web pages, embedded graphics, file attachments including multimedia files, and has an anti-spamming policy that can also do a search from Hotmail's home page and send e-mail greetings. A webcourier customizes features imported to one's inbox about news, entertainment, sports, and finance.

Students in various computer labs throughout Southern were avid Hotmail users.

"I can use it on any computer, and it's a lot easier to use than the campus program," said John Clafin, sophomore studio art major.

Gary Crites, senior political science major, said one of the reasons he uses Hotmail was due to complaints of the campus e-mail program from other students.

"I heard a lot of bad things from other students on campus about the e-mail access that turned me off on campus e-mail," he said. "I think it's a good idea that the Hotmail link has been put on the Southern home

page so more students can have access to reliable e-mail."

Some students had Hotmail before coming to Southern and see no reason to change.

"I had it before I came to Southern and like the program because I can use it from anywhere," said Mguvi Kahiha, international business major.

Earney stresses the importance of student e-mail accounts.

"It's extremely important for students to have e-mail accounts in order for teachers to be able to communicate with them on assignment questions," he said. "I use e-mail in the computer programming class I am teaching right now. If I make an assignment change, I can e-mail that to the students and communicate with a large group in a short amount of time. In my programming class, students can attach the C++ program and e-mail it to me."

"I can then open it and see what they are talking about. It has been tremendous in helping me to communicate with students." □

# 2001: Class returns to Southern for sophomore season

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times," she said. "Hopefully, it will make things better for the kids and better for my schedule."

While college is stressful, Robertson has managed two semesters of a 4.0 grade-point average.

"I would say it's been a long string of good fortune that's helped my GPA out," she said. "That, and I've worked hard; it makes me proud of myself."

With Robertson in school and her husband working two jobs, family time and study time get cut down.

"We've got [pee-wee] football practices three nights a week," she said, "two games on Saturday, and church on Sunday and Wednesday — sometimes we just have to take a deep breath and think about all the good things we've got going for us." □

# Progress: College explores possible namechange

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"The final stamp will be done by our board, and how that name change will affect other institutions in the region and state will determine approval," she said.

Kesel said the CBHE was concerned that adding "university" to Southern's name could impair the ability of other state institutions, such as Southwest Missouri State University and Southeast Missouri State University, to attract students.

The CBHE's guidelines were based on the recommendations of an institutional nomenclature commission appointed by the board in February to study the state and national trend by institutions in changing their names.

Kesel said the commission's findings indicated institutional names that use geographic designations could become obsolete, and any proposed name change containing a geographic location should take into consideration

the potential effects on other institutions.

She said the College could be required to drop its "Southern" designation before gaining CBHE support.

Previous proposals to the CBHE contained the "Missouri Southern State University" name.

"We're not saying that name won't work, but we are saying Missouri Southern needs to do some analysis on the impact it would make on other universities," Kesel said. "Their proposal would have to speak to that before being approved."

The CBHE guidelines also require institutions seeking to add the university title to evaluate which associate degree programs are offered and if they would conform with the institution's stated mission.

College President Julio Leon said Southern was not considering terminating or transferring its

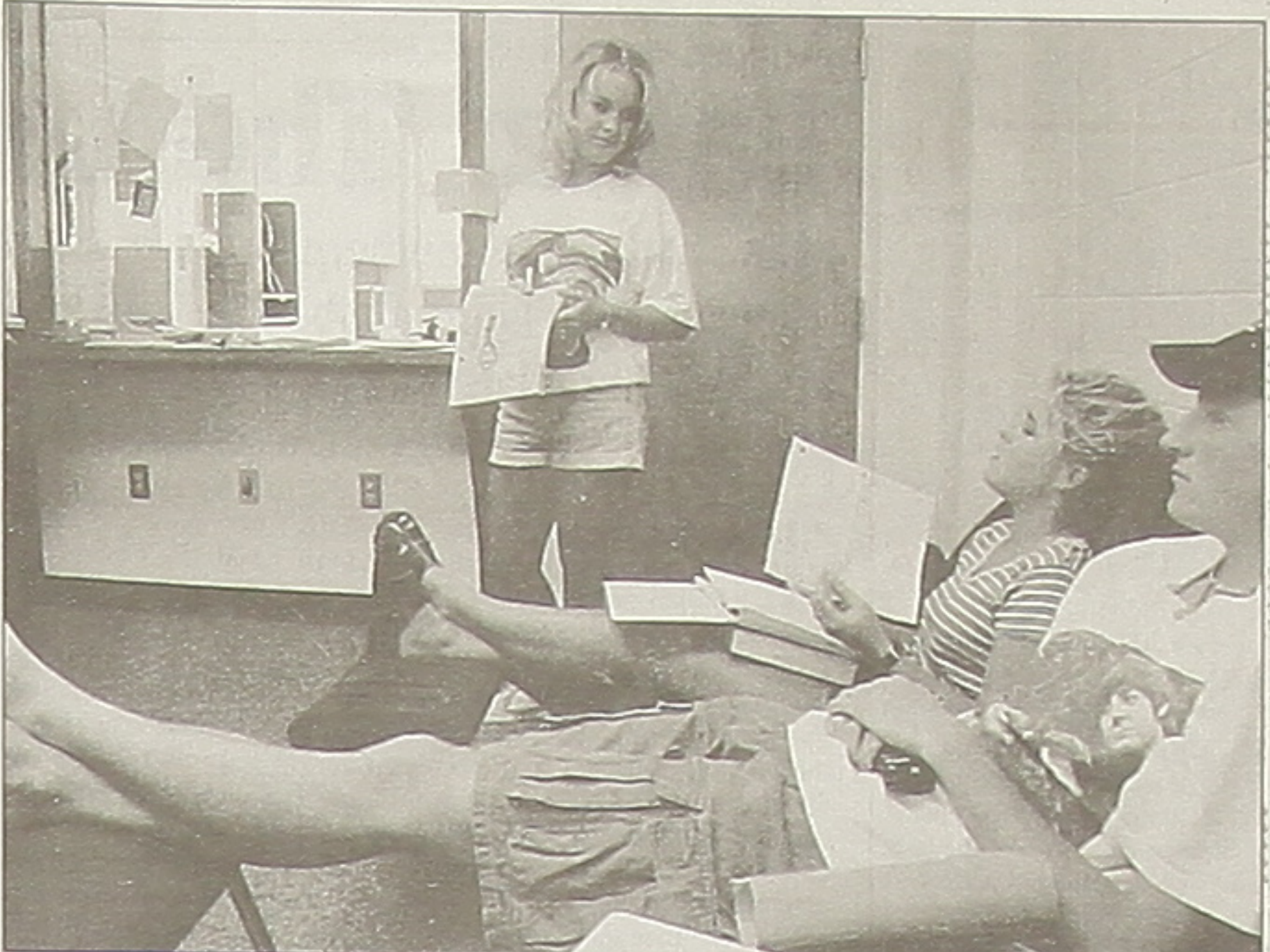
associate programs, and he planned to outline how the degree programs enhance the College's mission in Southern's proposal to the CBHE.

"[The loss of associate degree programs] is not an option," he said. "Those programs are important to our students and the region. Our plan is to make the case to the Coordinating Board about the concerns of the students."

Leon said he planned to hold discussions with students, faculty, and alumni regarding the prospects for changing the College's name before submitting the proposal in December, but that no plans had been formalized.

"We want to hear from anybody interested in the proposal," he said.

No timetable has been set for when the proposed name change would be implemented. □



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Lori Sifford(left), Amy Rains and Justin Sifford spend the afternoon watching a movies in the office of Blaine Hall Wednesday.

# BLAINE HALL: Renovations improve quality of life

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"We didn't get all of our materials ordered in time, and there are still doors in the lobby area to replace and air conditioning repairs," Beeler added.

There have been no major renovations since Blaine Hall was built in 1970, but despite the enormous costs, Beeler managed to stay within the budget.

"Not counting the labor costs, we managed to stay within our \$72,000 budget," he said. "This was for just the materials only."

Beeler had noted there were many ceilings with gouges in them and solid wood core doors that had holes punched in them.

"Certainly the men's dorms show more than the normal amount of wear and tear than the women's dorms," Beeler said. "We ordered 16 solid wood-core doors to replace all the damages to the old ones. Testosterone may be a reason we see more 'physical' damages to the men's dorms."

Student assistants and other residents seem to be pleased with the changes.

"This is my third time being an S.A., and I can tell you that the

difference is like black and white," said Nathan Camp, senior music education major. "Before, we were like cramped-up sardines in the office, but now we are able to relax. We have new offices and phones, too."

"Blaine looks 75 times better," said S.A. Dirk Myers, senior music education major.

More praise for the renovations came from students who had not viewed the residence hall in its former condition.

"I'm very impressed with the dorms," said Francis Doll, finance major and foreign exchange student.

Most freshmen had nothing but enthusiasm for the differences, even down to the walls.

"It's pretty nice; at least there is nothing written on the walls," said Daniel Zid, computer science major.

Other positive sentiments were echoed by fellow classmates.

"The dorms are very nice; I like the new doors and it smells good," said Jeremy Young, biology major.

"I think the dorms are very decent," said Tom Laumann,

communications major. "The carpet in the hallway is nice."

Ron Mitchell, resident director, remembers how cramped the space was before the reconstruction.

"It was terrible," he said. "The office was one-half the size as now, and there were these empty spaces with no walls, but there will be new walls put up so they can be made into rooms. There will also be a satellite health clinic at the south side of the building. The ugly brown half panels were removed."

New front crash doors will also be replaced, so when the new cafeteria is built, the men can get out.

"Everyone who has seen it thinks it's great," Mitchell said. "It's something that needed work and got it. I think it's awesome."

The work, which was started on June 1 and completed Aug. 14, is a sense of pride to most people and Beeler in particular.

"It gives me a real sense of pride to see that all the craft shops and half the custodial staff put forth so much effort into this project," he said. □

# Construction: June 1 set as completion date for fieldhouse

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computer aided drafting and design major. "I got a warning for parking on a sidewalk out there the other day. I thought it would be OK since there were no other spots available and there were several other cars out there without citations. I won't park there again; I don't want to deal with a ticket."

In an effort to alleviate problems, the College began construction on a new lot south of Young

Gymnasium and paved two lots, one directly behind the gymnasium and one south of Hughes Stadium.

The new lot will have between 200 and 300 spaces. Currently, the College has a total of 3,395 spaces, all but 422 of which are for students.



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Tiede said the new lot is scheduled for use by the end of September.

Dr. Julio Leon, College President, said these projects are simply part of the natural growth of any institution.

"It doesn't take long for new needs to spring up. We didn't have enough room to begin with. "As programs develop, the needs change even though the student body may not increase that much." □

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## Sports Scope



By Andre Smith  
Sports Editor

## Lloyd ready to step in at any moment

He served as the scout team quarterback for three years and received minimal playing time for the last two. Now, as a redshirt junior, a very content Mark Lloyd has worked himself into a position as the No. 1 reserve behind senior quarterback Brad Cornelsen.

Lloyd had to wait for his turn in high school at the helm of the Blue Springs Wildcats. He served in a backup role for a couple of years before getting the starting nod as a senior. The Wildcats went 10-1 that year. Lloyd passed for 12 touchdowns and ran for nine more. He accumulated more than 1,500 yards passing, 300 yards rushing, and several honors.

As most college freshmen athletes learn when they meet their teammates for the first time, everyone was all-something and almost everyone has an ego. Lloyd, however, has had nothing but a humble attitude about being second or third on the list.

"You always have to be prepared," Lloyd said. "Things don't always go the way you want them to, but you have to be ready in case the chance comes."

Lloyd's situation reminds me of one particular off-season National Football League transaction. After the departure of Jim Kelly, Todd Collins took over as the Buffalo Bills' starting quarterback. Well, as most of you Chiefs fans know, he is now in a better place (a sarcastic comment) — Kansas City. To fill the spot, the Bills picked up Doug Flutie from the Canadian Football League.

Flutie, like Lloyd, had to wait for his turn in the spotlight. His height was an immediate hindrance to his success in the NFL. Flutie went to Canada and became one of the best quarterbacks to play in that league. After proving that he was a born quarterback, the Bills picked him up. Not too long after Flutie arrived, the Bills gave up their first-round draft pick and paid much more money for Rob Johnson, a backup from the Jacksonville Jaguars. Johnson was acquired with the intentions of becoming their starting quarterback.

In an interview with Vic Carucci, a *Buffalo News* columnist, after a preseason loss, Flutie expressed the difficulty of accepting the fact that he was not the starter. However, he had to live with it.

Lloyd said he was raised to give his best effort in any given situation.

I'm sure there have been times that he has wondered what would have happened if he had chosen to attend Truman State or the University of Missouri-Rolla. I believe he would be a starter almost anywhere else in NCAA Division II. Lloyd is intelligent. He is a leader and an above average athlete.

If Cornelsen were to go down with an injury (God forbid), Lloyd would be able to lead the Lions to victory on many occasions.

On his voice mail greeting he quotes, "What's in us is a purpose, a reason we are here. One day it will jump out and say 'Hi there, the world needs you.' Are you ready?"

These are the words that he lives by in life and football. Lloyd knows his purpose for being at Southern. It takes a man to accept the role and still give 110 percent. Lloyd has proven that he is a man. □

## OZARK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

# Lantz: 'The Lord led me into this job'

## Former Missouri Southern football coach lands a job at Ozark Christian College

BY ANDRE L. SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Ten months after Jon Lantz's resignation as Missouri Southern's head football coach, he has landed a job that he says is more than he could have dreamed of.

On Thursday, Ozark Christian College President Ken Idleman introduced Lantz to the faculty, staff, and trustees as the new director of student development. The position, previously held by Greg Hafer, requires Lantz to do what he loves to do — spend time with students.

"I believe that the Lord led me into this job," Lantz said. "I'm glad that I will still be

able to utilize the talents and abilities that He gave me. I've really missed the day-to-day working relationships with students and faculty."

Lantz, who sold John Deere equipment for four months subsequent to his new occupation, starts work on Monday, Sept. 21.

"We have been so impressed with his leadership and love for the students," Idleman said. "He brings significant gifts and skills in the areas of administration, teaching, planning, organization, problem solving, motivation, recruitment, discipline, team building, and written communication."

The director of student development is an administrative position that is similar to Southern's former position of vice president for student services.

Lantz will oversee the dean of men and women, the residence hall directors and assistants, the campus nurse, the athletic director, campus security, and the dean of student ministries.

Although the school semester is only two weeks old, Lantz said he has much work to do upon arrival.

One of the first items on his agenda is formulating a success plan for each student.

"We need to be doing all that we can to make sure each person is successful in every aspect of their lives," Lantz said. "They need to be strong spiritually, physically, psychologically, and emotionally."

Lantz will maintain an open-door policy for his students. If a student has a problem, Lantz will also be available as a counselor. He said he is looking forward to having a meeting with the freshmen males.

"I intend to ask each male what his goal is in college and at OCC specifically," he said. "I hope to give them a little direction and help them whether they go into ministry or not."

Idleman said the decision process was easier because of the number of people who

spoke highly of Lantz's characteristics.

"Dr. [Southern President Julio] Leon and Jim Frazier (men's athletic director) highly recommended him for the position," Idleman said. "I also spoke with Eric Jackson, and he had nothing but great things to say."

Jackson was a kicker for the Lions under Lantz.

Lantz said he will always love football, but he does not miss the pressure and stress of coaching. He still follows the Southern football team and wishes he still had some of his former players.

"I miss players like Brad Cornelsen, Jarrett Cook, and Tyler Wooldridge," he said.

Lantz said his 16-year old son, Paul, is fired up about the new job for a special reason.

"He'll be the starting quarterback for Joplin High as a sophomore," Lantz said. "I can fill my desire for football by watching him play this season." □

## FOOTBALL

## Newcomers step in at key positions

By ANDRE L. SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Every now and then a walk-on makes an impact in two-a-days that cannot go unrecognized.

The last walk-on sensation was Justin Taylor, who finished his career last season. It did not take the coaches very long to decide to put Lions running back Antonio Whitney on scholarship.

The media guide lists Whitney at 5-foot-7, but Gregory says that is inaccurate.

"He's 5-5 at best," he said, "and he's very exciting to watch."

Gregory added that Whitney, who has a Barry Sanders-like style, could emerge as a starter with the elimination of mental mistakes.

"He is a very skilled runner and he will see a lot of playing time," he said. "Knowledge of the offense is really the only thing holding him back."

Joey Ballard, a freshman from Muskogee, Okla. is another young back that will carry the ball many times for the Lions. The three-time Oklahoma 6A Player of the Year will handle the punt return duties.

Ballard showed his running ability in Saturday's preseason scrimmage by breaking a long run on a reverse.

"He is fighting with Shawn Williams right now for a starting position," Gregory said. "He is our smartest runningback. He has good speed, hands, and cutting ability."

Juan Tabb, a 5-9, 190-pound freshman from Lindbergh high school in St. Louis has impressed Gregory with his physical play.

"Juan has been very impressive and will end up on the field," he said. "He plays with a nastiness that you like to see in a football player."

With the departure of senior quarterback Brad Cornelsen nearby, there was a need for developing new quarterbacks.

The Lions acquired four in the search process: Seth McKenzie, a 6-2, 190-pounder from Gravette, Ark.; Josh Chapman, a 6-3, 190-pounder from Webb City; Tony Kildow, a 6-0, 175-pounder from Bentonville, Ark.; and Brian Clark, a 5-10, 170-pounder from Texhoma, Okla.

"They all have potential to be players for us," Gregory said. "Come next spring or fall, any one of them could end up being a starter."

Gregory said that McKenzie is ahead of the other quarterbacks because he has adjusted easier to the complicated offensive scheme.

In high school, McKenzie was a two-time all-district, all-region, and all-Northwest Missouri selection.

Gregory said that the size of McKenzie and



Freshman running back Antonio Whitney blocks downfield during a scrimmage last Saturday at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

Chapman will force him to be different with the offense in the future.

"We'll be able to do different things because we will have bigger, stronger quarterbacks," he said.

Chapman, an all-state selection for the Cardinals, brings a winning tradition with him from Webb City.

He led his team to the state championship his senior year and gained MVP honors after a 300 total yard performance.

Chapman is learning to adjust to the offense. "Josh played a different style of offense at Webb City," Gregory said. "He is a very competitive athlete who challenges himself to improve in one phase everyday."

On the offensive line, Josh Brooks will see playing time at tackle and guard. The 6-4, 287-pound giant from LaMirda, Calif. went to the prep school at West Point, but decided to come to Southern. Gregory said that the linemen playing in front of him will have to play hard to keep him from moving past them on the depth charts.

"Josh is a big, strong guy that will block you," he said. "He's a guy that will keep progressing and keep pushing."

Defensively, the Lions have recruited a solid linebacking crew.

Jeremy Walker, a freshman from Muskogee, was named Defensive Player of the Year as a senior. The unique feature about Walker is his size. He is only 5-8, 180 pounds, which is

not linebacker size. According to Gregory when it comes to hitting he can bring the wood.

"He's an explosive player and a great hitter," Gregory said. "For us to leave him at linebacker should tell you how explosive he is. He's a very fast defender."

L'Quincy Pryor, a 21-year old freshman linebacker was signed during two-a-days. Gregory said that his age is a plus.

"He has four years of eligibility left and that's good," he said. "He's big and strong, and may even play a different position before it's all said and done."

In the secondary, Joey Mitchell has stood out as a freshman that could become very familiar with the playing field. The 6-2, 185-pound free safety from Rockwall, Tex. has had a good preseason.

Up front, Gregory is impressed with Jeremy Tennison, an interior linemen from Ozark. Although the new class has the potential to win championships in the future, Gregory said he is not worried about that just yet.

"In general, I think it's a really good class and we need to follow it up with another good class next year," he said. "I think they can make a lasting impression here."

Do they have national championship written all over them?

"We'll have to wait and see," Gregory said. "I'm more worried about what this class can do for us now." □

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

## Lady Lions fall to SBU in opener

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Four early goals were too much for the Missouri Southern women's soccer team to overcome in its debut at Southwest Baptist University on Wednesday. Forward-midfielder Gina Peterson scored Southern's only goal 54 minutes into the game, but the Lady Lions were defeated 4-1.

SBU took advantage of Southern's slow start with four goals and 17 shots. The hosts held the Lady Lions to no shots on goal.

"We were incredibly nervous and intimidated coming into this game," head coach Jim Cook said.

The second period, however, was a big turning point for Southern. The team came alive and held the Lady Bearcats to four shots on goal.

"We talked at halftime," Cook said, "and we dominated in the second period."

The Lady Lions had six shots on goal in the second half. Freshman midfielder Erin Cochran assisted on Peterson's goal.

Shutting the Lady Bearcats down in the second half was a confidence booster for the team.

"We won the second half of the game," sophomore team captain Jennifer Lawrence said. "Once we got settled down, we played to our potential."

Meg McIlquham had six saves in the second half, bringing her total to nine for the game.

"You have to play intelligently and good," Cook said. "This is a good experience for us going into our next game with Arkansas."

The next stop on the Lady Lions' 15-game schedule is at the University of Central Arkansas Saturday. The game is scheduled to start at 2 p.m.

The Lady Lions will play their home opener at the newly renovated Bodon Field at 5 p.m., Wednesday against Bartlesville Wesleyan University.

"As a team we are looking forward to getting better every game," Lawrence said.

Defender Amanda Scank suffered a knee injury with 29 minutes left in the game. The severity of the injury was not available as of press time. □

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